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Photo by Mark Arike

Members of JC's CR Warrior team (Celebrate Recovery) show their Relay for Life spirit. The team placed first in the corporate category with over $16,200 in donations.

Thieves take cash and methadone

By Mark Arike

Police continue to investigate two break and enters that occurred in the same building between the night of June 8 and early morning June 9 in Haliburton. The Haliburton Highland Pharmacy, located at 211 Highland St. and Earthways Café at 50 York St. fell victim to the thieves.

"They were here for what they wanted," said Banit Budhiraja, a pharmacist and one of three owners of the new Haliburton Highland Pharmacy. "Fortunately for us, our safe was locked."

The thieves did get away with $300 cash and an 80 millilitre bottle of concentrated methadone from the secure storage.

"The majority of the ingredients were in the safe," said Budhiraja. "There was a tiny amount in the fridge, which we have for stability issues."

Budhiraja discovered the pharmacy had been broken into when he showed up for his Saturday shift.

"The moment I saw the tiles on the floor I was like 'oh man,'" he said.

It appears the thieves (it is unknown how many there were) entered the building through the ceiling. Inside they smashed a window, which gained them access to the pharmacy. The pharmacy's alarm system was not activated because the owners were still setting up shop for their other business – the Daisy Mart.

"There were too many boxes everywhere," said Budhiraja. "You don't want to set off the motion sensor."

"It was a lesson learned very quickly," he laughed. "Everything is up and running now."

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Base opens in Tory Hill

By Matthew Desrosiers

Haliburton County's newest emergency medical services (EMS) base in Tory Hill is officially up and running after the grand opening on June 12. EMS workers started their new shifts on June 3.

"This is a huge event for my department and for the county," said Pat Kennedy, EMS director for Haliburton County.

Photo by Matthew Desrosiers
Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton shakes hands with Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey after the ribbon was cut to officially open the new EMS base in Tory Hill.

The base was established in response to a rising volume of calls in Highlands East.

When the County took over in 2000, there were 200 calls. That has since escalated to 400.

"When we started in 2000, the average response time for Highlands East was 26 minutes," Kennedy said. "When we started doing deployment out here in 2008 that dropped down to 21 minutes."

As a result of County Council's endorsement of the summer enhancement program, where four ambulances are scheduled during the day, response times in the area have dropped down to 18 minutes in 2011.

Kennedy and his staff plotted emergency calls over a six-year period on a map and determined response times.

"[We] always thought Wilberforce was the right location, but judging from where the calls were situated, this is the best spot to be," he said. "It was fortunate Tory Hill was the exact right location."

Kennedy said the new EMS base is not going to be a retirement posting as some might think.

"This is going to be a busy shop," he said. "I think it's going to be one of the busiest stations that we have."

Formerly a fire hall, the renovated base boasts a two-ambulance capacity garage, change rooms, a comfortable lounge and kitchen, and a supply room.

Murray Fearrey, Warden of Haliburton County, said the project was a huge success.

"I'm really pleased with what I see here today," he said.

After discussing the project with Kennedy and his staff, it was determined a large building was not required to service the area. They agreed on a modest but very good facility, he said.

"It's one of the few projects we've had that's come in on budget," said Fearrey. "It was well done. It's a very functional building and Haliburton County is proud of it."

Photo by Walter Griffin
Dale Bull, manager of residential mortages and Martha Waind, TD Bank Minden branch manager present a cheque for $1,000 to Marylyn Rydberg, manager of hospice services for SIRCH on June 8.

COLA increased for County staff

By Lisa Harrison

County council voted May 23 to approve a cost of living allowance (COLA) increase of 1.5 per cent for non-union and management staff for 2012.

The personal health account annual limit was increased to $1,200 per year from $1,050.

Warden Murray Fearrey noted the increase was consistent with that received by unionized employees (CUPE Local 1960). The bylaw to execute the latest collective agreement was approved by council on April 3.

Evelyn Fenwick, director of human resources, said unionized employees will receive COLA increases of 1.5 per cent each year from 2012 to 2014 and 2 per cent in 2015. The personal health account annual limit was increased to $900 from $700.

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Walker building demolition under way

Photo by Walter Griffin

Demolition started June 13 on Walker's Auto Repair after testing showed lead concentrations were insignificant.

By Lisa Harrison

Ministry of Environment (MOE) lead testing on exterior paint samples from the Walker Fuels service station in Minden is complete and the results are good, according to Doug Ray, roads department director.

Ray said the MOE reported the concentration of lead in the paint is so low that all building materials, including the slab floor, can be taken to the Minden landfill site. Earth stained with what appears to be oil behind the building will also be dug up and disposed of, he added.

Ray told county council at its May 23 meeting that due to the era in which the building was first painted, there was cause for concern that the paint might contain lead, and the MOE tests would determine whether the blocks could be recycled under regular practices or would have to be separated during demolition and trucked out to a special disposal facility.

With this green light from the MOE, J.A.C. Kernohan Construction Ltd. began demolition Wednesday using regular methods. Per Ray's recommendation, council had approved Kernohan's engagement as the only "one-stop" county firm available to do all the work required around demolition and debris removal.

The Walker service station is sited on property now owned by the county along Hwy. 35 between Bobcaygeon Road and South Lake Road. It is being demolished in consideration of a possible new county EMS building, which may be conjoined with a new fire hall for Minden Hills.

Councillors threatened over zoning decision

Council passes amendment for Tim Hortons restaurant as OPP investigates 'sick joke'

By Will Jones

Tim Hortons has passed the first hurdle in its bid to build a restaurant in Haliburton.

Dysart et al council passed a zoning amendment, changing the property proposed for the site of the Tim Hortons restaurant on County Road 21 from residential to highway commercial at a special meeting of council on June 11. The move enables the fast food giant to advance the project and work towards a site plan approval. All councillors voted in favour of the amendment apart from Steve Pogue (Ward 3) who registered his vote against.

However, the meeting was marred by the news that councillors had received a veiled threat in the form of a fake obituary, posted at the village post office. The notice, which came to light on June 11, announced the death of two councillors in a traffic accident at the site of the proposed restaurant and also made false references regarding members of council staff.

"This is a sick letter and if it was meant to be a joke it isn't funny," said Reeve Murray Fearrey. "The decision [regarding Tim Hortons] is being made via a democratic process, and, while some may not like it, that [letter] is taking things too far. The OPP is investigating and we won't let it lie."

Fearrey went on to explain that all attendees had been required to sign in at the start of the meeting due to the OPP investigation into the source of the death notice.

Provincial Constable Sandy Adams of the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment has since confirmed that a complaint was made on June 11 and that officers are in the process of investigating the source of the letter.

Doug Ray, county roads superintendant explained Tim Hortons and independent consultants had conducted a traffic study relating to the project and that the roads department would be recommending the County enter into a site plan agreement with the developer at its June 13 meeting.

"We'll recommend that Tim Hortons move to provide right turning lanes and left turning lanes into the site and paved shoulder [to the north side of the road]," Ray said. "Along with that, the road will have to be widened and so all the storm water management will have to be replaced. That will be our proposal based upon what the engineers have come up with and the traffic information study."

"There are the other issues such as the trees and lighting that we still have to deal with but this traffic study has been carried out, I believe, by Tim Hortons engineers and peer reviewed by an independent consultant," Fearrey said. "Their recommendations are that this work would make it safe."

As the resolution for the zoning amendment was being passed around, Fearrey said he could understand why Tim Hortons looked outside of the downtown area for their restaurant. Council, the developers and the community have to work together to make the project a success.

"We are trying our best to work with the neighbours here to find solutions to their objections and we're sincere about that," Fearrey said. "That doesn't mean that we are going to stop everything from happening either because of these objections."

The resolution that was passed includes a list of conditions that will affect any site plan approval. Fearrey said there would be discussions with the developer with regards to the conditions before the June 25 council meeting.

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Editorial opinion

When plans go awry

By Matthew Desrosiers

On June 11, a fake death notice was posted at the village post office for two members of council, claiming they were in an a fatal accident at the proposed Tim Hortons development location. This notice was perceived as a death threat against members of the Dysart et al council and has the community abuzz.

Tim Hortons moving into town is a controversial issue. Both sides, for and against, have had their say in the public forum. Council has decided to implement the zoning changes to allow for the restaurant, but of course, there are still conditions that must be met before anything is final. However, this is the very decision the alleged threat was designed to thwart.

So, does this letter that has so polarized the community have any merit in terms of social discourse? If it was intended to persuade or intimidate council to vote against the zoning changes, it failed. If, on the other hand, it was simply a statement designed to engage the community in thinking about and getting involved with the Tim Hortons issue, well… it failed.

One can only speculate on the thought process behind the death notice. This individual (or was it a group?) evidently thought it a good way to make a point. It certainly is a clear message to council that at least one person is very strongly against the location of the coffee shop. There may be no real violent intentions behind the notice at all.

On the other hand, there could be. And that is where this type of statement fails.

Ask various social groups who protest or speak out against government and they'll tell you violence is not the way to get what you want. More often than not, it is anarchist groups who infiltrate protests and escalates them into the riots seen on the news. Legitimate protesters know that resorting to violence leads governments to shut down, stop listening and neutralize the threat.

And what of the Dysart et al community? Listening to conversations around town, you will hear more about the threat itself than the reason behind it.

The Reeve was very clear in his own message on Tuesday, saying they [council and police] will not let the issue lie. The OPP is currently investigating the matter, and should the culprit(s) be found, expect them to be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Councillors will not allow themselves to appear intimidated, and so the threat will, as much as possible, be removed as a factor in the approval process.

If anyone wants to have a real, positive impact on the decision making process, they should do so within the framework of our political system. If they want to protest, do so in a peaceful and intelligent manner. These things lead to discourse within council and the community. They engage people to really think about what's going on and force them to acknowledge the issue.

One of the best things about our political system is that a few minds, properly engaged and determined, can become a loud voice. This would be a more effective way to stand up against Tim Hortons. Maybe then, people would be talking about the issue and not just the act.

'Go west' is not the solution

By Bram Lebo

To say the Highlands has a seasonal economy is a bit of an understatement. Estimates of the summer population range from three to four times the number of permanent residents — a rise from 17,000 to 60,000, give or take.

As you would expect with such an influx, economic activity increases proportionally. More, actually. Cottagers have only a few months to get much done; they have a lot of building, shopping, boating, fixing, hosting, enjoying and maintaining to do in a short time.

The rest of us can spread out our spending over the year, but local businesses depend on the summer surge. Yes, there is plenty to draw people here in the winter, but the numbers are just lower.

So while the summers are great for local businesses, the winters tend to be slow. Our major industries — tourism (hotels, restaurants, attractions), construction and retail — all see a substantial reduction in traffic. Most business owners can manage this ebb and flow if they plan ahead, and that planning often includes reducing their staffing levels for the winter months. The following summer, the same employees are hired again and the cycle repeats.

But what if those employees, the ones who've worked for the same company before, were no longer available? What if, due to changes in employment insurance (EI) rules, their benefits were cut mid-winter and they were forced to seek work elsewhere? Elsewhere in our case is typically more than an hour's drive away.

Two things would happen. First, families would come under pressure if one parent had to either move away for the winter or incur the high costs of a long commute. Second, some people who take work in another area would not come back, leaving a smaller workforce available for the busy summer seasons. Getting that roof fixed or finding a sales assistant would become much more difficult each summer.

The people most likely to stay away are those without families — young adults. These are exactly the people we need to fill jobs in everything from retail sales to construction; they are our future. If changes to EI rules make it no longer possible to bridge the winter months, there will be a drain on our population of some of our most productive workers; our future will, literally, pack up and leave. It happened in Newfoundland and it's already happening here; young people move in search of opportunities.

No doubt, that is exactly what the federal government intends with its proposed changes to EI. It wants labour (i.e. people) to follow the market and seek employment where they can find it. It's very logical and economically correct — Alberta has a labour shortage and some of us here are idle in the winter. Ergo, go west, young man. Who can argue with that?

The problem with this strategy is that it assumes rural communities have no right to economic sustainability. It will precipitate the hollowing out of small towns all over the country, accelerating the exodus of youth to bright lights and big cities and leaving the remaining population older and under-served.

We certainly agree that a culture of dependency, as the practice of regularly using EI to bridge the off-season is often called, is undesirable, both socially and economically. It forces taxpayers to essentially subsidize people who are not working. It also negatively affects motivation and self-esteem, and there's the moral issue of living off the public purse.

But rather than cut people off and force them to seek work elsewhere, we'd like to see something constructive; greater efforts to create year-round jobs right here. A good place to start would be with a major increase in federal loan guarantees for small businesses in targeted sectors: light manufacturing for example. Small businesses are where most jobs are created, but the banks are often too reluctant to take on the risk. HCDC, a federally-funded, not-for-profit corporation, performs the role of lender very well in our community, however its budget was recently cut by ten per cent. In a recent survey, local businesses ranked access to capital as a barrier to further growth. Clearly, more could be done.

We should expect our federal government to place a higher priority on rural life and to better understand the role EI plays in sustaining it, flawed as the system may be. Policies that encourage our workforce to get up and leave will do nothing but create headwinds against the substantial efforts underway by many people and groups in the Highlands to develop our economy.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Photo submitted by Louise Ewing

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E-mail photos to matthew@haliburtonhighlander.ca

Letters to the Editor

Photo of the week

Photo by Valerie Robinson
Don't hit us! Two turtles 'hurry' across the street.
Submit your Photo of the week to matthew@haliburtonhighlander.ca

A turtle saved

Dear Editor,

A few weeks ago, in the local donut shop, I was reading aloud an article on turtles. The young woman working there heard me and told us about a very large snapping turtle that had been run over.

Not knowing where to call, she took it across the road to Head Lake and set it by the water, unsure it was still alive.

We eventually found it wrapped in debris and, with the help of two young women from the motel, she was ready to go. We called the Turtle Trauma Centre and within a very short time a driver was on his way to meet up with us.

This turtle is slowly (no pun intended) responding to treatment with broken shoulders, feet, shell etc. She was obviously setting her eggs on the side of the road – it would be like driving over a very large rock. You would know!

Too many people don't realize the importance of all these animals. The world would survive very nicely without humans, but humans could not survive without the many species that make it habitable for us. Thousands of species are now extinct and thousands are on the endangered list – almost all from human ignorance.

Wilberforce School has a turtle awareness program. The enthusiasm shown by these children is both heartwarming and promising. Children are wonderful ambassadors for animals. Our hope is that they can get through to the older generation – for the sake of their children.

Thank you, Heather, for letting us know about this turtle. You helped save her life and some eggs not yet released. Thanks also to Kelly and Cheryl for being there.

Judy Phipps
Haliburton

Where are the jobs?

Dear Editor,

I would like to ask you about jobs in Dysart et al. Where are they? We have a chance for some sustainable jobs, but once again the Reeve and council are dragging their feet. Tim Hortons is one case; another case is GP Flake Board. In a way it was a good thing, just due to the fact it's closed now. Didn't want to give them a few breaks to build here? My second question to you is why do we not have jobs here, to not only keep the young people here but also for myself and others of my age. If you must know, I'm 47. For seven out of the last eight years, I've had to work for companies out of town. Very little of the money I earned was spent in Haliburton. That doesn't do our local economy any good. So I ask you this, what, if anything, in the last 20-plus years has the Reeve and in some cases the deputy-Reeve (when he was Reeve) done to bring sustainable jobs to our community? Is this part of the reason that Haliburton County is number one on the poverty list across Canada? Before you ask, yes, I have applied to some of the different companies that already exist in Haliburton. My last comment is I'll stand by this as long as I see what's happening in Dysart et al. If it's not for the arts, it's not happening in Haliburton.

Keith Foster
Haliburton

Feline rescued

Many thanks to Canoe FM for announcing my lost cat alert, the listener who saw the cat and called in the location to Canoe FM, and to Doug at Home Hardware who helped me retrieve our lost cat... after going "walkabout" since May, our siamese cat Ralph is now safely back home.

The cat came back!

Thank you again.

Linda Coneybeare
Haliburton

TheOutsider — Putting my pen in it

By Will Jones

Can you believe it, someone has come forward and written a letter in defence of socks and sandals! Now, I know of a few folks around here that do on occasion slip woolly covered feet into their Birkenstocks or Crocs but I don't know of any who'd come right out and admit to it, not in the press anyway.

But, there's always one, I guess. And, having met this certain fellow a time or two, I have to say he's a big one, fellow that is. What else would you have thought I meant? His argument in defence of said socks and sandals went along the lines of; if it's good enough for the Romans then it is good enough for me. Hmm, the Romans also favoured wearing bright purple dresses, the men that is. They listen to opera (oops, there's another foot planted well and truly in it). And, the emblem of Rome is a wolf suckling two boys. I rest my case.

But, I should not knock this deluded defender of the sock and sandal combo because he wrote a letter to the newspaper and that is just what our new editor wants folks to do.

"We got a letter about the socks and sandals," he exclaimed rather excitedly and a little bit disbelievingly, to me. "Good work, Will." And that got me thinking. This column of mine sways almost drunkenly at times from adventure to incident, tall story to tough topic (perhaps not so much of that last one) but not many of my missives stir you locals enough to write a letter. I remember once offending the sensibilities of a Gelertian and another time I had to be put straight about your use of the word cottaging (very different from what it means in England, I can assure you) but that's about it.

And so, what topic should I tackle? What sensitive issue should I sink my teeth into that will get you folks reaching for pen and paper? There's the tale of Tim and his troublesome new donut parlour. How about hunting? Now there's a chance to unearth a few bears with sore heads. Maybe I could manage to jump on board the rollicking rollercoaster ride that is Minden council. What about I wade into the swimming pool debate?

Nope, I've got it. Hockey.

I don't mean the decision to spend more money than the cost of my car painting Cody Hodgson on to the wall of Dysart Arena. No, I mean hockey in general.

You see, I consider hockey a funny little Canadian quirk, a bit of a minority past-time. It's not exactly global is it? Not like soccer, or football as it's actually called, but you folks will insist on siding with the Americans on this one. And I thought you hated them.

How long does a game of hockey last? What, 60 minutes, if you don't count all the stop starts, breaks and changes: not long is it? The TV companies feel bad for you fans I guess, that's why they put all those ad breaks in, to make you feel like it was worth tuning in for. Now, consider cricket, the sport of gentlemen. A game can last five days. That's endurance for you, from the players, and, if watched on the BBC (with no adverts) it's quite a feat for the spectator, too. Believe me, I know. I've gotten sofa sores watching a test match or two in my time.

Then there's all that padding that hockey players wear. Check out a game of rugby for some real hard men.

Need I go on?

D'ya think that'll get 'em writing in Mr. Editor? Do you think my cocking a snoot at big fellows with helmets and sticks will rattle some cages? Come to think of it, might making fun of large men with what in effect could be termed offensive weaponry is a good move? Have I taken on more than I can chew – I imagine a puck is quite a mouthful.

Yeesh! Annoying hockey fans and burly men in socks and sandals… This writing lark is turning out to be more dangerous than I thought! But at least we'll get letters, eh.

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Photo by Mark Arike

A crane lifts the eight ton roof (16,000 pounds) onto the store and commercial kitchen on June 7 for Abbey Gardens.

Raising the roof

By Mark Arike

It weighs eight tons. Nothing a crane and a few Fleming students couldn't handle.

On June 7, machinery and manpower worked in unison to place the roof on Abbey Gardens' latest project – a commercial kitchen and retail store.

"This is really unique," said Paul MacInnes, Abbey Gardens board member and chair of the project's task force.

The over 2,000-square-foot building, located at Freedom 55 Dr. (just outside of Haliburton), is being built by 17 students in Fleming College's sustainable building program with assistance from subcontractors. Once completed, the building will provide those in the food industry with a place to produce and sell their products.

"Our goal is to be long-term, 100 per cent Haliburton County," said MacInnes, referring to locally grown and sold items.

According to MacInnes, the facility will make it easier for local chefs, caterers and others in the food industry to make their products readily available to the public.

"We have a local lady who makes incredible fruit pies, but the only place she can sell them is at the Farmers' Market, one afternoon a week," MacInnes explained. "In order for her to sell through a retail store, they have to be produced in a food safety, health department-licensed commercial kitchen."

Since the kitchen is in the same building as the store, it's a one-stop shop.

"She'll be able to come into this kitchen and prepare her pies, and she'll be able to sell them," said MacInnes.

The equipment for the commercial kitchen will cost upwards of $100,000, he said. It is with support from the community, local business owners and a $35,000 contribution from the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC), that the project has been made possible.

"We've had incredible generosity from the community," said MacInnes.

The group approached the federal government for funding, but was unsuccessful in their bid.

The innovative building is made up of straw bale walls and will feature solar panels, a porch and a green "living" roof complete with goats.

"Everything about the store is going to be done in a very sustainable way," he said.

John Patterson, founder of Abbey Gardens, called the project a community effort.

"There are way more volunteer hours going into Abbey Gardens then there are paid hours," said Patterson, who was on-site during the roof installation. "Probably five times as many, at least. Maybe 10. That just tells you about the greatness of this community."

MacInnes chimed in and highlighted the talents that volunteers on the task force possess.

"One of the members [of the task force] is one of the leading industrial engineers in North America…" he said, adding that his own wife, Susan, is a former vice president of a major supermarket chain.

Patterson said MacInnes and his wife have been instrumental in bringing these skilled individuals into the project.

Construction on the project started about six weeks ago and is expected to be completed by the end of August.

"We expect most of it to be done by the end of August, but we'll probably be putting on some finishing touches," said MacInnes. "We'll take the winter to get the commercial kitchen all set up. It won't be ready to open until next spring, maybe early summer."

The Abbey Gardens property is currently owned by Larry Hewitt, but according to Patterson the two parties are in talks about the future of the land.

To learn more about the rest of Abbey Gardens, visit www.abbeygardens.ca.

Investigation into thefts continues

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According to an OPP press release, methadone is a hazardous substance and should be treated with extreme caution. If consumed it may cause serious trauma or death.

Methadone is an opiod pain reliever, similar to morphine. When prescribed by a physician, it is also used to treat withdrawal symptoms in heroin and other narcotic drug users.

Michelle Connelly, owner of Earthways Café, learned that her small business had been broken into after her security company got a hold of her early Saturday morning.

"They phoned us and contacted the OPP," said Connelly. "They broke the side door and stole the cash register and the girls' tip money."

In total, the thieves only made away with about $30 in cash.

"This is the good news," she said. "I didn't leave it [cash] in there, but I have in the past. Thank God I thought of taking it home."

Connelly just started the business this past February. The first-time break and enter victim says the incident is unsettling.

"It's awful… and a real inconvenience," she said, explaining the store has been closed since June 9. She plans to reopen today (June 14).

"I think I feel more sorry for them [the thieves] that they have to do that," she added. "They obviously need some kind of help."

On a positive note, Connelly said she has received great support from the community since opening the business. And like Connelly, the owners of Highland Pharmacy just want to put the bad experience behind them.

"We want the community to know that we are here," said Budhiraja.

As of press time, Haliburton Highlands OPP Const. Sandy Adams was unable to confirm if the two incidents are related, and no suspects have been apprehended.

Anyone with information is requested to contact the OPP at 705-286-1431 or toll free 1-888-310-1122. Those who wish to remain anonymous can contact Peterborough Northumberland Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

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Photo by Mark Arike

Paula Preston, access engineer for the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN), talks to those interested in high-speed internet at the HCDC's Day of Ideas event.

High speed upgrades for Haliburton County

By Mark Arike

A $170 million broadband project currently in the works is aimed at connecting eastern Ontario to the world while stimulating economic growth.

"Our commitment to the project is to connect 95 per cent of the households and businesses in eastern Ontario," said Lisa Severson, communications and stakeholder relations officer for the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN). Severson provided an update on the large-scale project, which includes Haliburton County, during the Haliburton County Development Corporation's (HCDC) May 29 Day of Ideas event at the Pinestone Resort.

In 2008, the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus (EOWC), a group that represents 11 counties and two single-tier municipalities, conducted a survey of businesses to determine the economic health of the region.

"There were over 12,000 traditional jobs at that time, such as manufacturing and forestry that had been lost in the region," said Severson. "The caucus wanted to look at ways to incite economic growth."

With financial support from the federal and provincial governments, and the private sector, the not-for-profit EORN set out on a five-year project in 2009 to build a fibre optic network for more affordable and faster internet services.

"Eighty-five per cent of the businesses and households will receive up to 10 megabits per second," said Severson, adding that the EORN is also working to reduce the costs for users.

"We're trying to bring pricing down to more urban-like pricing for all of Eastern Ontario," she said. "I can say that we are doing a fairly good job at that."

Why care about faster internet speeds?

"In 2014, it's estimated that the internet will be four times larger than it was in 2009," said Severson. "Internet traffic grows at a compound rate of 34 per cent. By 2014, internet video alone will account for 57 per cent of all traffic."

"As applications grow, the need for greater capacity will be required."

In areas that are sparsely populated or face topography issues, satellite internet service might be the only viable option.

Severson said the eastern Ontario region covers 50,000 square kilometers of land and has a population of 1.1 million people, excluding Ottawa.

According to the EORN website, faster and more affordable internet service is expected to reach households in Haliburton County by the summer of 2013.

Highlands East passes budget

By Mark Arike

At their June 12 meeting, Highlands East councillors approved a bylaw to adopt the 2012 tax rates for the municipality.

Although this means the municipality's budget will undergo a 3.96 per cent increase, it doesn't mean taxes for property owners will rise by that amount. The municipal tax rate will decrease from 0.0040 per cent to 0.0038 per cent.

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Chamber members get signage update

By Matthew Desrosiers

Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce members gathered at the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve on June 6 for breakfast and an update on changes coming to the County signage bylaw.

Doug Ray, roads department director, was invited to help clarify the sometimes-murky signage bylaw.

"Right now, this [bylaw] is a little awkward," he said. "We are recommending a thorough review of the bylaw to take place in 2012 and 2013. [We] hope to have a new document in place by October of 2013."

The current signage bylaw has been in place since 1972.

"The purpose of the bylaw is to regulate the placements of signs and advertising devices, generally within 400 metres of County roads," said Ray.

Since this bylaw only applies to County roads, the municipalities have their sets of rules. This can make it difficult to learn the different sets of regulations, he said.

While the bylaw is being reviewed, advertising signage has been grandfathered until 2013. Ray said a provision in the new bylaw will likely revoke all those permits, but have them all permitted again under the new rules.

"They won't all be able to stay," he said. "We want to talk to the business community about that. We want them to be involved in the bylaw."

Ray said his recommendation to council is to review the bylaw with public input over the next two years, however that doesn't mean certain resolutions won't take place before then. He and his staff would like to sit down with people who have to work with the bylaw and get their ideas into the new document.

Rosemarie Jung, manager for the Chamber of Commerce, said they would be able to help facilitate the meetings between Ray's team and local businesses.

For more information on the signage bylaw, visit www.haliburtoncounty.ca or call 705-286-1762.

Welcoming new execs

Photo submitted

The 2012 executive team for the Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636 held it's first meeting on Wednesday, June 6. From left to right is Lee Train (property), Roy Flieger (bar Chair), Georgina Parkes (past president / poppy / seniors), Noel Swift (sgt-at-arms), Francine Newton (2nd vice president / ponours and awards / youth education), Thelma Lee (branch president / hospitality services), Janice Ward (secretary / correspondence), Judy Flieger (treasurer), Tina Barrand (kitchen staffing and food ordering), Al Mayo (charity / veteran services officer), John Sloan (public relations), Keith Welborn (1st vice president / Membership / Memorabilia). Missing is Murray King (Sports). The entire executive team extends a thank you to all branch members, volunteers and the public for their support.

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Top: Glen Carter conducts the Highlands Wind Symphony at their 15th annual spring concert. Above: Bonnie Black and Wilma Thompson on the clarinet.

Music of the movies

By Mark Arike

Some of the most popular and memorable movie tunes reverberated through the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion during the Highlands Wind Symphony's 15th annual spring concert.

The June 10 event, which was co-conducted by Glen Carter, Lorie Reddering and Dan Manley, also showcased the talents of the Highlands Chamber Orchestra and Highlands Swing Band.

This was the premier performance for the Highlands Chamber Orchestra.

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Highlanders march against

Photos by Mark Arike

Top to bottom: Some of the 215 cancer survivors and caregivers in the ceremonial opening lap. Dave MacMartin and Tricia McCarthy cook burgers at the barbeque hosted by Wintergreen. Luminaries light up the night.

Haliburton County exceeds $1 million after sixth year

By Mark Arike

They did it.

Cancer survivors, friends and family, business sponsors and event organizers were all responsible for helping Haliburton County raise $121,620 at this year's Relay for Life – a figure that means the Highlands has raised just over $1 million in the last six years.

Held between June 8 and 9, the 12-hour event saw participants from 39 teams walk in solidarity around the track at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. At 10 p.m., participants lit luminaries to remember those who have lost the fight and recognize survivors.

There are many reasons why people participate in the annual Canadian Cancer Society event – some year after year. For two-time cancer survivor Carol Stamp, it's about raising awareness and funds for research.

"I think we're so close [to finding a way] to fight it," said the West Guilford resident who is a member of the Dogpatch Dollies team. "In the last few weeks I've heard of three new exciting things that have come out in the news."

Stamp first battled breast cancer, then ovarian cancer 12 years later. The fight was one she vividly remembers.

"My treatment wasn't nice," said Stamp. "I was so sick that my son and husband had to take me to the washroom."

She was encouraged to check out Relay for Life while undergoing treatment four years ago.

"I didn't even really know what it was about," she said. "I came out and walked one lap. I said to myself 'that's something I need to be doing.'"

The next year she formed the Dogpatch Dollies team, which

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cancer in Relay for Life

consists of 11 members from various parts of the County.

Many young participants could also be seen walking laps with their fellow classmates and friends.

"I'm here for my aunt," said Grade 8 student Jalen Campbell. "She's been fighting cancer for a long time. She's still fighting it right now and she's getting better."

Campbell entered his own team into the event and committed to walking the entire night.

Patient News employee Christine Hewitt said she dropped by the event in previous years to support friends. This was the first year she had joined a team.

"I lost a close friend this past year and I have survivor friends here," said Hewitt.

In her eyes, foregoing a night of sleep is a small sacrifice compared to what someone with cancer has to go through.

"If people who have cancer can go through chemo for however long they have to, then I can certainly go without a night of sleep," said Hewitt.

MP Barry Devolin said that it's some kind of "magical mix" that makes the local event such a successful one.

"If you look at the financial result, the Haliburton event is proportionally greater than most other towns," said Devolin, who attended to take in the survivors lap with his daughter Molly. "Haliburton raises more money than Peterborough does."

Devolin believes strong leadership is the key ingredient to making it happen.

"You always need two or three people who just throw themselves into it," he said. "I know for many years Wendy and Mike Isles did that and now Aggie [Tose], obviously."

Wendy and Mike stepped down from the committee last year for personal reasons while Tose has been the chairperson for the past six years. She said the Relay is a shining example of how hope is alive and well in Haliburton County.

"It means to me that we, Haliburton County, have a strong hope that cancer can be beaten and together we can make a difference," said Tose. "We live in the most amazing community and no one needs to walk this cancer journey alone."

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Top to bottom: The sun starts to rise on walkers just before 6 a.m. Christine Hewitt of Patient News at her team's booth. The team came first in the most decorative category. Event chairperson Aggie Tose, right, thanks Wendy and Mike Isles for their previous involvement.

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Photo by Walter Griffin

Rev. Harry Morgan (left), Haliburton Lochlin and Ingoldsby United Churches, Haliburton County Reeve Murray Fearrey, MP Barry Devolin, and Rev. Dr. John James, former Haliburton United Church minister, stand with Marjory Peel. Mrs. Peel, 100, was born the same year the church was built back in 1912.

United Church celebrates 100 years

By Douglas Pugh

Almost bursting at the proverbial seams, Haliburton United Church celebrated the centenary of the construction of the sanctuary on June 10.

The historic building on Pine Street, a focal point of many a good cause within the community, went through a couple of alternative locations in the early days of the settlement of the area before arriving at the current site a hundred years ago.

In a historical move, the Presbyterian and Methodist churches in town worked closely together in those early years. They united under the 'Union Church' banner seven years before the two churches amalgamated across the whole nation as the United Church of Canada.

Joining in with the congregation were dignitaries Barry Devolin, MP, and Murray Fearrey, Haliburton County warden and Dysart reeve. The congregation was enlarged for this special event by supporting attendance from both Ingoldsby and Lochlin churches.

Welcomed to the church upon their entrance by the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums, attendees were treated to performances by two choirs, along with a talk from former minister John James.

Minister Harry Morgan was presented with a gift at the services conclusion in recognition of his twentieth year anniversary of becoming minister for the area.

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Photo by Mark Arike

Jim Blake, curator of the Haliburton Sculpture Forest, scrubs down "The Beaver."

Spring cleaning in the Sculpture Forest

By Mark Arike

Volunteers spent the morning of June 6 cleaning up the many sculptures found in the Haliburton Sculpture Forest. The Sculpture Forest is located in Glebe Park, beside the Haliburton School of the Arts.

Biodiversity day success for Friends of the Rail Trail

By Douglas Pugh

The Friends of the Rail Trail (FoRT) celebrated biodiversity day with theirs critters on the trail event on June 9 at the Fish Hatchery in Haliburton.

With funding from the Biodiversity Education and Awareness Network, attendees were given an entertaining and educational presentation by Sciensational Sssnakes!!!, a group that not only gave talks about various reptiles, but also gave participants the chance to handle and touch the snakes involved. Included in the presentation were local snakes such as garter, water, milk and fox snakes. More exotic examples included the brightly coloured corn snakes and a boa constrictor.

Advice was given on how to deal with another local resident, the snapping turtle, though the critters on display was not passed around for a touch test.

Following the presentation, attendees went on for a walk on the rail trail, guided by organizers Pam Marsales and Don Smith.

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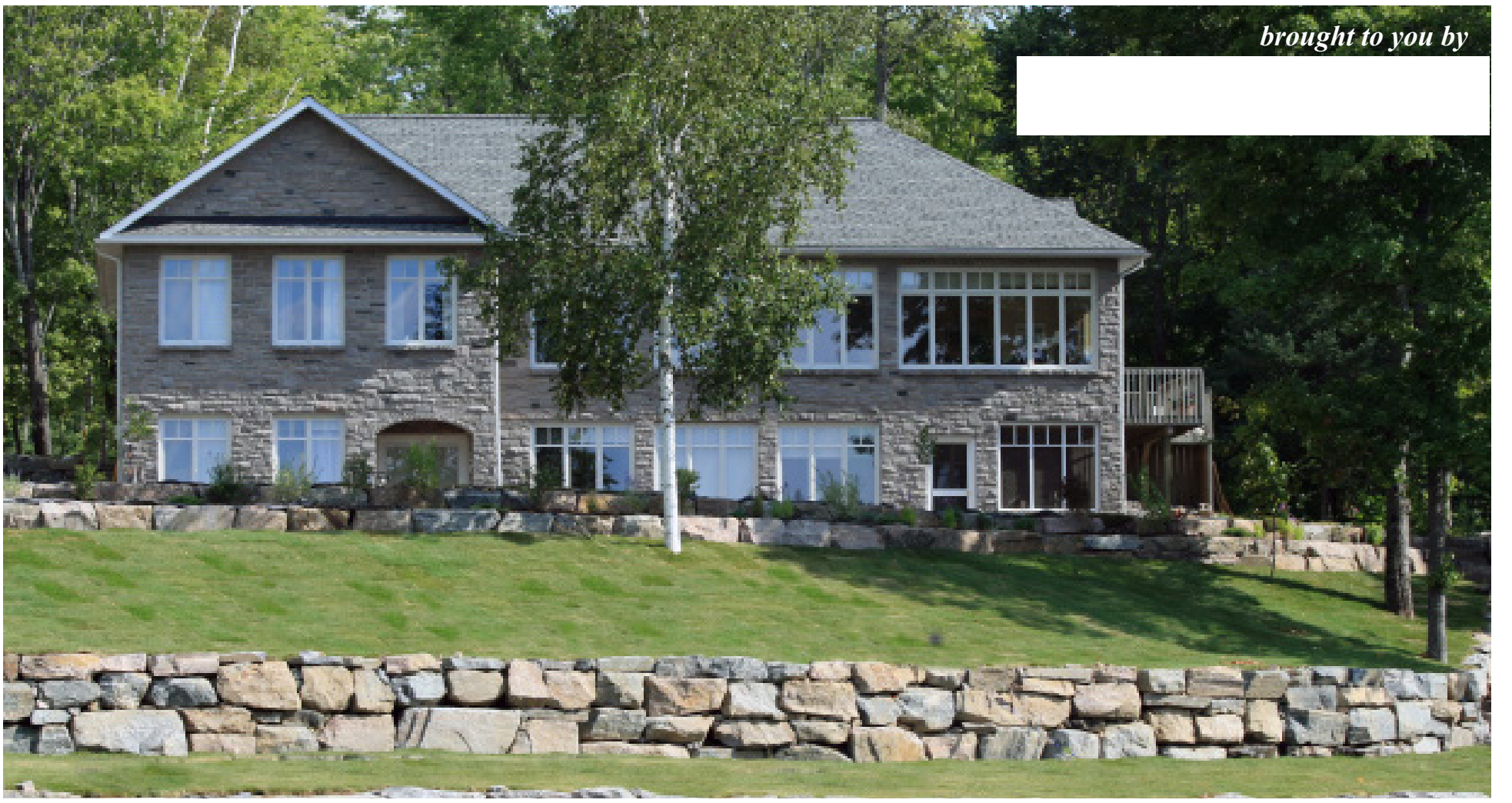

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Ten things to consider when

By Kevin Lowe

Buying a home in the Highlands can only mean good things. Whether it's a cottage, a place to retire or a permanent move, you're going to be spending time in one of the most beautiful places in the world, with access to many vibrant and diverse communities.

When considering a potential purchase, smart buyers look at more than the number of bedrooms. The construction of the home and how it's situated in relationship to other homes, waterways and roads can have a significant impact on future maintenance costs and your ability to use the property year-round. Homes in cottage country are subject to extremes of temperature and periods of vacancy — both can accelerate wear. So always — always — get a home inspection to find out the pros and cons of a particular property. You need not be deterred, but you should know what might be necessary in the future so you can accurately determine affordability.

Aside from the home inspection, below is a list of considerations — not exhaustive by any means, but including some of the things you should be thinking about before making a decision.

Shorelines

Shorelines are usually described as rocky or sandy, with rock, sand or mud bottoms. If boating is your main priority, you'll want to look for deep water off the dock and good access to waterways. On the other hand, if your imagination contains grandchildren paddling in the water, a sandy shoreline with a gradual drop in depth is best. Also consider the extent to which the shoreline has been altered from its natural state. Break-walls, terracing and too few trees can lead to erosion over the long term; fortunately, shorelines can be restored through a relatively straightforward process over a few years and there are many companies and non-profit groups who can help.

Water Supply

You basically have two choices in water supply: from the lake or a well. A lake water system is easily installed and relatively inexpensive. If the water is shallow, you may need to put a bubbler over the intake pump to keep the water from freezing in the winter. Wells cost a lot more initially and can lead to hard-water issues, but in many cases they provide cleaner water. Both well and lake water should be filtered if you plan to drink it or use it for cooking; almost anything can be removed or neutralized with a proper system, including sediment, bacteria, excess metals and unpleasant smells. Be sure to have the water tested by your local health unit before you drink it, and if you plan on using either kind of water system during winter, you're likely to need a heated water line.

Foundation

The structure's foundation should be level and intact, with proper drainage both inside and outside to divert water. Irregular cracks can be caused by expansion and contraction over the seasons and are often easily repaired; they can allow the entry of cold air, insects and small rodents and so should be dealt with. Vertical cracks may be more serious as they can indicate settling; what's important is whether the movement is likely to continue, in which case you could have serious problems. In all cases, ask your home inspector to look closely at the foundation to ensure it's sound.

Septic System

Make sure to have the septic system inspected. Older tanks can stop working properly or leak, sending pollutants directly into the same lake from which you may be drawing your water or swimming and causing environmental damage. Also find out where the entry lids are and the date of the last pump; every four or five years is sufficient for most systems.

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Wood Conditions

Most homes and cottages in the Highlands contain a lot of wood — often in the framing, siding, decking and inside panelling. Check for dry rot and evidence of carpenter ants, and take a close look at the condition of exterior decking; it can be expensive to replace. Almost any wood damage can be replaced or repaired, but it's good to know ahead of time what to expect.

Windows

Windows have widely varying degrees of insulating and reflective properties to help keep a home cool in summer and warm in winter. Find out what kind of windows the home has and their remaining lifespan, as they can be expensive to replace. Fog that appears to be inside a window means that the seals have failed; replacement is a good idea if you want to maintain insulative properties, though it's not an urgent problem, especially if you use the home for only three seasons.

Heating

If you're planning on using your cottage or home for only three seasons, a fireplace, small wood stove or even a space heater will likely be sufficient. Well-designed homes take advantage of the greenhouse effect to provide warmth while blocking the sun with overhangs when it's at its highest in the summer. In winter, however, your source of heat becomes more important. Geothermal, solar and wind, if already installed, are likely to be least expensive, but few homes come pre-equipped. Next cost-effective is wood, but consider how enthusiastic you'll be running outside for logs every couple of hours; and when it gets really cold, you'll want to keep the fire going 24 hours if your windows don't provide passive heat on sunny days. Other options include oil, propane and electric, the expense of which will depend on the home's insulation and the equipment's efficiency. Ask for winter heating bills and consider getting an energy audit to find out how efficient the structure is and to get an idea of heating and cooling requirements.

Access

That inclined driveway may be a breeze in July, but how will your car fare with a layer of wet snow on the ground? Check if the home is on a municipal (ploughed by the town) or private (not ploughed) road. Many road associations or groups of residents arrange for shared ploughing on private roads, providing accessibility year-round. And if you're looking at island or water-access only property, consider how you plan to use it and whether the trade off (generally more for your money and greater privacy in exchange for some inconvenience) is worth it; for those who plan only three-season use, water-access cottages may be perfect.

Off-Water Properties

Many people enjoy the natural environment of the Highlands without boating or swimming. Consider looking for a property off the water; they are substantially less expensive and often offer more privacy and land than you can get on a lake. A compromise is a riverfront property or one with a pond — fishing, some boating and swimming are still possible but waterskiing may be a bit difficult.

Taxes & Legal Issues

Property taxes can vary significantly, even between adjacent properties. Ensure you're aware of the annual tax bill so there won't be any surprises, though in many parts of the Highlands taxes are surprisingly low.

Also, make sure to have your lawyer check that the land and building are compliant with bylaws and codes and that what's for sale is what you see. In cottage country, it's not unusual for lot lines to be uncertain or for neighbours to cross each other's property without having a registered right-of-way. Neither need be a problem but it's important to know if you might face any issues in the future.

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Ensuring you have the right

By Kevin Lowe

As with any major asset, it's always a good idea to have insurance on your cottage. But what many people don't realize is that cottage insurance can differ substantially from the insurance you have on your main residence.

The differences start with the essential premise of the policy. Most permanent residence policies are 'all-risk', meaning you're insured against anything except those things listed in the exclusions. With cottage policies, it's often the opposite; the insurance covers 'named risks' — anything not specifically mentioned will not be covered.

There are specialized policies available that provide all-risk coverage for second homes, which you can find with a little shopping around. The point is to make sure your coverage matches your expectations — for some people and some cottages, minimal protection is just fine. For most of us, however, there are a number of considerations when choosing insurance. It's important to read your policy carefully so you know exactly how you're covered.

All Risk vs Named Risk

As stated above, all-risk policies cover everything that isn't specifically excluded. Typical exclusions are things like earthquakes, water damage from leaks, subsidence (sinking) of the structure and anything to do with normal wear and tear. Named risk policies tend to be substantially less expensive due to their narrower scope. Generally they cover things like fire, storm damage and personal property.

Which type of policy you choose depends on the quality and contents of your cottage or home and how you intend to use it. A named-risk, inexpensive policy will probably be fine for a three-season, sparsely furnished cabin. However some of today's luxury cottages need the same level of insurance as a principal residence, even if they're being used as second homes.

Water Damage

One of the most common causes of property damage in cottage country is water. Water can leak slowly from your sink, seep into your foundation, gush forth from a burst pipe, rain in through a window broken by a fallen tree, or wreck your roof in winter from ice damming.

It's important to know that each of these potential hazards is likely to be treated differently by your insurance company. Some will insure damage from burst pipes but not leaky pipes; some will cover ice damming and your roof caving from the weight of snow, others will not; some will cover you if a tree falls on your house during a storm but not if it falls on a sunny day. The peculiarities of each policy are due to each insurer's assessment of the probability of each risk.

As with other parts of your policy, it's important to read the fine print. You may be able to purchase optional coverage to cover some things not initially included.

Fire

When people look for insurance, the possibility of fire is usually the most common reason that comes to mind. Nearly all policies will cover fire from many causes, including lightning, but there will, naturally, be exceptions. You may not be covered for fires caused by: your own negligence; a wood stove, thermostat or electrical wiring you installed yourself; using an appliance or electronic device for reasons other than its intended purpose; or leaving a barbeque or outdoor fire unattended.

Again, read the policy and know what's in and what's out.

Personal Property

Your policy will have an amount of coverage for personal property. Generally, personal property is everything in the building that isn't nailed down: things like furniture, clothing, electronics, dishes and bikes. Your first

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insurance for your cottage

consideration is to ensure you have sufficient coverage — how much would it take to replace everything in your cottage? It may be a lot more than you think when you factor in all your DVDs, books, clothes and sporting gear. Before you calculate that amount, check the policy to see if things like carpeting and kitchen cabinets are considered personal property or part of the building, so you know whether to include them in building or personal property coverage.

The next step is to determine if replacement cost coverage is available and if you want it. This kind of coverage is exactly what it sounds like: enough money to buy new versions of everything you've lost. Without replacement cost coverage, an insurance company will pay only the actual value of your belongings, a figure that may be a lot lower than what they would cost to replace. That living room set you paid $1,500 for 10 years ago might cost a lot more to replace — would you be happy with its current value of perhaps $300? Same goes for a closet full of clothes, your kids' toys and the knick-knacks hanging on walls or sitting on shelves.

Named risk policies generally do not have replacement cost options; all-risk policies usually do. It's called a replacement cost endorsement and can increase your premiums significantly but may be well worth it.

Building Costs

The highest amount of coverage in your policy, aside from liability, is likely the amount needed to replace the entire structure of your cottage in case of a total loss. This figure is separate from the coverage on your personal property.

If you expect to be able to duplicate what you have now, it's critical that you have enough coverage.

Check with local builders on the price per square foot of new construction and do the calculation yourself. If you have high-end finishes such as granite counter tops, wood floors and fancy fixtures, make sure these are discussed with your insurance company and included in your coverage. Most policies will assume you have 'standard' finishes and will reimburse you only to that level, so if your cottage includes above-standard finishes, make sure these are factored into the level of coverage. Otherwise, you could end up with a lot of Formica and linoleum unless you're willing to pay the difference for upgrades.

Boats

Whether your boat is covered will depend on its type and your particular policy. Non-motorized boats are often covered as personal property, but motorized ones generally need a separate endorsement and additional premium. Some policies don't cover boats at all and you'll have to get specialized boat insurance. Check that your boating insurance covers liability — and don't forget to insure the trailer, too.

Valuables

Artwork, stamps, jewellery, cash and coins are also personal property, but are usually subject to relatively low limits. If you have a particularly valuable collection or item in your cottage, tell your insurance company and have it separately listed so there's no argument if it's ever lost or stolen. Check also whether your policy covers "mysterious disappearance" which basically means you can't find something but don't know if it has been lost, stolen, or just misplaced. Of course if you find the item, you must repay the insurance company.

Liability

Most policies have a coverage amount for liability, typically one or two million dollars. This is intended to cover you in the event you're sued for something that happens on your property — a neighbour slipping on ice, for example, or a friend falling off your deck. The cost of this insurance is relatively low and worth the expense.

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Vacancy

Some policies, particularly all-risk ones with high limits, become void if you leave your property vacant for more than a specified period of time without taking certain precautions. These may include having your drive ploughed (in case a fire truck needs to get access), shutting off the water, draining the pipes, and having your place checked regularly. Policies specifically designed for cottages are more likely to have fewer restrictions on vacancy, but then they may also offer less coverage.

Proving a Loss

If you have any kind of substantial loss, you'll probably have to prove it to your insurance company. One of the smartest things you can do is take photos of every room, from every angle, including closets (with the doors open to expose the contents) and bathrooms.

With big losses like those that occur from fires and floods, the company will likely send an adjuster to estimate the amount required. If you have replacement cost insurance, you will get exactly what you spend to restore your cottage to its previous state, up to the limit of your policy; if you don't, you'll get what the adjuster considers fair, current value.

Avoiding voiding

Insurance companies naturally want to know exactly what they're insuring; if you're not honest with them, or forget to mention something important, you could have your claim denied, even if the cause is unrelated.

Things which may void your policy or cause denial include electrical, plumbing work and major renovations not done by qualified professionals; a wood stove or fireplace you haven't disclosed; leaving the property vacant for longer than allowed or without taking the required precautions; renting your property without telling the insurance company; using your home or cottage for illegal activities; living in a flood zone; and failing to make repairs necessary to prevent further damage caused by a covered risk.

Getting a Discount

Many insurance companies offer discounts for various reasons. Make sure to ask what these are. They may include: smoke detectors; the absence of a fireplace or wood stove; brick construction; proximity to a fire hall; having other kinds of insurance with the same company; belonging to a particular group (e.g. CARP or an alumni association); having a remotely-monitored burglar alarm; and being claim-free for a certain number of years. Don't miss the opportunity to save money.

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Highlands Real Estate — By the Numbers

Statistics courtesy of Anne & Andrew Hodgson at Century 21 Granite Realty.

	2011	2012	
Waterfront Sales	77	85	▲ 10%
Non-Waterfront Sales	56	88	▲ 57%
Sales over $500,000	16	24	▲ 50%
Prices - Waterfront			▼ 5%
Prices - Non-Waterfront			▼ 11%

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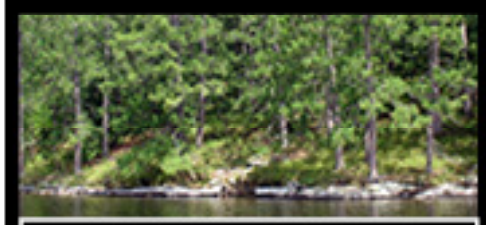

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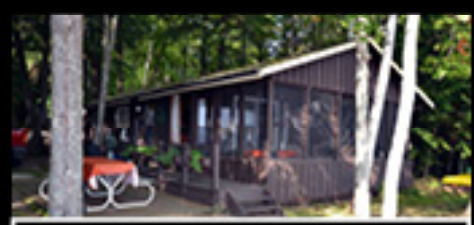

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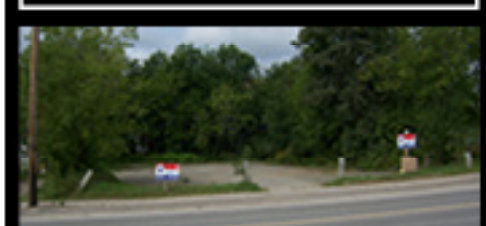

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Highlands events

A mother's struggle to save her son

Addiction takes its toll on users and those around them

By Mark Arike

Her life was turned upside down when her son became addicted to heroin.

"My son started experimenting with drugs when he was about 13," said Muskoka resident Terri Rodrigues. "There was a lot going on in our lives and it progressed to some very deviant behaviour."

Rodrigues was one of four speakers at a May 30 event at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion titled All About Oxy. Hosted by the Opiod Misuse Abuse and Reduction Committee (OMARC), the event was designed to raise awareness of the abuse of Oxycodone and other opiod pain drugs.

Rodrigues explained how her son desired to be part of the thug lifestyle. She wasn't sure if he "mixed with the wrong crowd or was the wrong crowd."

"He seemed to gravitate toward that sort of lifestyle," she said. "I asked him and he said he just wanted to be a thug. It was the gangster rap time and he was very much influenced by that."

Her son's behaviour became progressively worse, leading to a period of incarceration. His addiction transformed him into an expert liar.

"They [addicts] are the best spinners of stories… and they should all be stand-up comedians," said Rodrigues. "They can look you straight in the eye and tell you a bare-faced lie."

The heavier his drug use became, the more others around him began to take notice.

"When he really got involved, it was noticed in school," said Rodrigues, who then signed up her son to a youth addiction treatment centre. The big obstacle standing in her way was the location of the facility.

"Another one of those wonderful treatment centres," she said sarcastically. " 'Oh, he can come every day after school.' Who is going to get him there? It's four buses away…"

On the advice of therapists, Rodrigues was told to practice tough love.

"That's been a big regret of mine," she said.

Addiction wasn't her son's only problem. He turned to drug running when in need of money.

"You can earn $500 for taking a package from one side of Hamilton to the other side," she said. "My son was into that."

Rodrigues admits she should have seen the signs sooner. The problem is she didn't know what to look for.

"It's taken years of reading up on it for me to actually see what the signs were," she said.

Her son eventually confessed to being a heroin addict. That, says Rodrigues, was the first step in the recovery process.

"That was really the beginning of it being over," she said.

Now Rodrigues is just grateful to have her son back from the deadly grip of addiction.

"We now can sit with my son at the dinner table… we have a family now and are all accepting," she said.

Although it might sound odd, Rodrigues says she has found joy in her journey.

"This journey has been heart-wrenching and one I wouldn't have signed up for," she said.

Through the process, she has developed many positive relationships and gained a wealth of knowledge that has taken her on a new career path.

"I'm a wine master," she said of her previous profession. "Now I'm an intensive services coordinator and I run support groups."

Other speakers at the free evening event included Tricia McCarthy, addictions counselor at Fourcast Minden; Suzanne Witt-Foley, district manager of mental health services for the Trillium Lakelands District School Board; and pharmacist Peter Meraw.

Prior to the talk, which addressed other issues such as the use of methadone for treatment and problems with abuse in the county, a filmed titled "Prescription for Addiction" was shown. The movie told the stories of prescription drug abusers and the challenges facing other communities.

Another workshop was also held earlier in the day for service providers. Other speakers at that event included a methadone prescribing doctor and a drug enforcement officer.

Highlands events

County fair sells out

By George Farrell

Over 300 people packed the Minden Community Centre on Saturday evening June 9 for the annual Haliburton County Fair Beef Barbeque fundraiser.

The beef, which came from Coneybeare's butcher shop in Minden, was purchased and donated for the event by the local chapter of the Ontario Cattlemen's association, in partnership with the Haliburton County Farmer's Association.

After the meal, which consisted of roast beef, veggies, buns and homemade desserts, the crowd was treated to the antics of celebrity auctioneer Doug Pearson who riotously enticed people to part with their loonies during the loonie auction. The items for the auction were provided by individuals and businesses from the community.

Proceeds from the sale of meal tickets and the auction, which amounted to approximately $4,400 after expenses, go towards the operation of the Haliburton County Fair.

This was the second year in a row the barbeque, which has been operating since 1977, was a sell out. That bodes well for the continuation and improvement of the fair which last year underwent a change in philosophy. Instead of a rides-centric fair, the board opted for a return to a more traditional country fair featuring more produce booths, animals and non-mechanized kids areas. There was also a display of military and firefighting vehicles, which the kids were allowed, under supervision, to climb all over.

"It was great to see such support tonight," said Fair Board President Casey Cox. "The monies raised goes towards supporting the fair in such a way that when families come through the gates most everything else is free."

Photos by George Farrell

Top: Robert Foster 12, was the happy recipient of a kids basket he won during the loonie auction. Middle: The Graham's; Michelle, Sophie, and Neil were one of many young families at the beef barbeque. Bottom: There was quite a line up for dinner

Highlands events

SIRCH staff, volunteers recognized at AGM

By Matthew Desrosiers

On June 11, staff, volunteers and board members gathered in Fleming College's great hall for SIRCH's annual general meeting (AGM).

Georgina Boyle, SIRCH president, said the last year was such a huge success thanks to the work of the organization's staff members.

"You have a passion for what you do," she said. "It glows. It's so wonderful to see how passionate you are about your jobs."

"That's what makes this organization what it is."

Over 100 SIRCH volunteers also played a large role throughout the year. This group donated 11,824 hours of their time to fundraise, provide support in programs or act in an advisory or oversight role. Volunteers drove 44,352 kilometres and SIRCH leveraged over $630,000 worth of volunteer time, mileage, goods and services, according to the president's annual report.

Hospice volunteer Bev Hunter was the keynote speaker for the evening.

"We are so unfamiliar with death and dying," she said. "In the last 60 years, we have really placed death, not even arms length away, but way over the horizon."

In a culture that's focused on advertised goods, vacations and cars, there is no real focus on dealing with death. However, hospice volunteers can help bridge that gap, she said.

"We've very flexible in terms of our support," said Hunter. "Our hospice can support people in different way. We sit with people while they're dying. We're a multi-skilled group of people and we can support families."

Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Bev Hunter, a hospice volunteer, spoke on the importance of understanding how death affects us and bridging the gap in care with hospice services.

Earlier this year, SIRCH was named the Not-for-Profit of the Year by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

Highlands outdoors

Work, play or both: choosing your best ATV

By Lisa Harrison

Selecting the best ATV for your needs depends on many things including age, experience, desired use and number of riders. Many categories feature "two-up" backseat passenger capacity and there's a newer "side by side" seating category (check minimum age stipulations for both).

You'll need to choose the ideal engine, transmission, drive train, and suspension, braking, and drive systems for your needs and accessories such as soft or hard cabs. A review of provincial regulations will also help (see Smart Ride Safe Ride under "Vehicles" in the publications section at www.mto.gov.on.ca).

Recreational (entry-level) ATVs are designed to handle easily and are a great choice for adult novices and smaller adult riders. These models tend to have four-stroke engines of up to 250cc of power and either automatic or clutchless standard transmissions as well as front and rear suspension.

Youth (mini) ATVs are smaller and lighter than adult models and stipulate the user's minimum age. They're available with either two-stroke or four-stroke engines of up to 125cc and have independent front suspension and automatic transmissions for safer handling as well as safety features such as flags.

Sport ATVs have lightweight frames, four-stroke engines of up to 400cc, longer travel suspension and often a five-speed transmission with a hand clutch. Great for sliding, jumping, and zipping through rough terrain, they include available features such as dual taillights/backup lights.

Utility ATVs can push a plow, pull a trailer or farm equipment and haul cargo. Nowadays these brutes are made more nimble and comfortable and feature high ground clearance and solid traction for trail use. They're available in two or four-wheel drive with four-stroke engines of up to 700cc, including liquid-cooled diesel, with storage and standard or available accessories such as plows and winches.

Sport utility ATVs give riders the best of both worlds: quick engines and longer travel suspensions plus hauling and rough terrain management capability. They tend to be easy to ride and come with two or four-wheel drive or an on-the-fly combination, liquid-cooled, and generally with four-stroke engines of up to 800cc.

High-performance ATVs provide top acceleration, climbing, jumping and broadsliding capacity. Most are powered by liquid-cooled, four-stroke engines of up to 700cc, have supple handling and feature tough suspensions and manual transmissions of up to six speeds. However, consider your use: this model is not as good for recreation (lower ground clearance, less comfortable ride).

Competition ATVs encompass some models in other categories as well as specifically designed models. They usually feature four-stroke engines and can include electronic power steering, an extended chassis and performance tires, and winching and towing capacity of as much as 3,000 and 1,050 pounds respectively.

Side by side ATVs are available in more than one category and stipulate a minimum age limit for driver/passenger. Various models now include features such as electronic power steering, 1,500-pound towing capacity and headlights and taillights, and some brands have developed 'luxury' models.

Be sure to talk with a knowledgeable ATV dealer before making your purchase to get the best fit for your needs.

Highlands food

Photo by Mark Arike

David Bathe shows off a garlic scape at his property on Francis Rd.

Save your scapes

By Mark Arike

Don't throw away those garlic scapes.

Some growers might already know it's not just the white bulb that's worth keeping. For those who aren't familiar with the scape – or its many delicious uses – the Haliburton County Garlic Growers Association (HCGGA) has an upcoming event worth taking a look (and sniff) at.

"We [the HCGGA] still get lots of questions like 'what do you do with them? How do you take them off properly?'" said Sheila Robb, president of the HCGGA. "So we thought that we should have an on-site workshop."

Scapes are the immature flower stocks found on the garlic plant. These curly green stems of hard neck garlic are edible – though their flavour is milder than the bulbs – and are said to contain health benefits.

"There's a lot of flavour in the scapes, especially when they're freshly harvested" said Robb. "They've become quite a delicacy."

The June 23 workshop is set to take place at the farm of Cheryl and David Bathe, two local garlic growers and members of the HCGGA. Gail Grainger, a garlic aficionado and grower, will provide a live demonstration highlighting the ways in which scapes can be used.

"A lot of people who grow [garlic] just throw them in the compost pile," said Grainger, who's done her fair share of research on scapes. "They're loaded with glutathione, one of the highest antioxidants out there."

Glutathione protects the cells in the body against outside bacteria and viruses, as well as internal cause of cell damage such as stress, explained Grainger.

Scapes are perfect for a stir-fry or salad, but this local grower has come up with other creative recipes to keep things interesting.

"I made a simple pesto… I've used that base in several other products that we make," she said.

Grainger will present a dip made of scapes, green peas and other ingredients at the upcoming workshop. She'll also show participants how to use their scapes in pasta and preserve them for future use.

It's quite clear that Grainger, who has 10,000 bulbs on her property this year, likes to experiment with scapes whenever possible.

"You can pickle garlic scapes," she said. "One year I pickled about 3,000, but threw them out. My husband liked them but I didn't."

If the recipe doesn't pass this garlic grower's test, you won't have to try it.

"If I don't like to eat it, you're not going to eat it," said the Ingoldsby resident.

Robb hopes the event will inform local growers and encourage them to spread the word to others.

"If we know something, we like to pass it on and share it with other growers," she said.

The farm of Cheryl and David Bathe is located at 1425 Francis Rd. in Gelert. The event will run from 1-4 p.m., rain or shine. Admission is $5 per person or $10 per family.

For more information call Sheila Robb at 705-489-4201. To learn more about the not-for-profit HCGGA visit www.haliburtongarlic.ca.

Highlands sports

Photos by Mark Arike

Top left: Players fight for the ball. Above: Cody Hodgson shakes hands with fans and signs autographs.

Youth Unlimited scores

Cody Hodgson drops in on ball hockey tournament

By Mark Arike

Young athletes got their moment in the spotlight during the third annual Kids 4 Kids ball hockey tournament hosted by Youth Unlimited.

A total of six teams consisting of players between the ages of 10 and 15 participated in the June 9 fundraiser at Todd's Independent Grocer. The day's action was primarily on the pavement, but a lot of attention turned toward an autograph signing session with Buffalo Sabres centre Cody Hodgson. The former Haliburton resident also participated in a question and answer session with Don Cherry (played by Nick Adams).

A silent auction featuring signed Matt Duchene and Cody Hodgson sticks, and a week's package to a hockey school was also part of the festivities.

The event raised $2,500, which will go to support summer programming at Haliburton's Youth Unlimited. Tim Hortons was the event's major sponsor.

The winning teams were Triple Threat (ages 10-12) and the West Guilford Boys (13-15).

Youth Unlimited will host an open house with a barbeque with live entertainment on June 15 at 73 Victoria St. in Haliburton. The event starts at 5:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

Haliburton mixed lob ball standings

TEAMS	W	L
McKecks Blue Line Blue Sox	5	0
Brew Jays	4	2
ODC Stone Sluggers	4	2
Independent T-Bone	4	2
Foodland Dandy Lions	4	2
Loose Mitts	3	2
Village Donuts Brewed Awakenings	1	4
Ronald Sisson Crayon Crew	0	5
Century 21 Land Sharks	0	6

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Photo submitted by Louise Ewing

See something that is worth sharing with the community?

Snap a picture, send us the photo and see it in the paper!

E-mail photos to matthew@haliburtonhighlander.ca

Highlands arts

Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Arts Alive Minden board members from left: Sandy Valentine, June Anderson, Georgina Parkes, Michael Fay, Mary Sampson, Elly Malcomson, back: Jack Brezina, Adele Espina, Wayne Rose and John Lennard.

2012 Arts Alive grant recipients:

Gail Stelter: Artists in the Schools (Archie Stouffer Grade 6) - $1,000
Sheila Ziman and Irene Heaven: Junior Naturalists camps - $250
Laurie Carmount: Eaton's Catalogue Exhibition - $1,000
Laurie Carmount: 2012 Summer Culture Club - $1,500
Fay Martin: Halistoria: Next Step - $1,500
Julie Barban: Ballerina Scapes - $500

Minden arts well-supported

By Matthew Desrosiers

Arts Alive Minden continues to offer support for local arts and culture with their annual community grants initiative.

The group gathered on June 7 to announce this year's grant recipients, as well as to thank volunteers and donors for their support throughout the year. A total of $5,750 in grants were awarded.

"Arts Alive is honoured today to be able to thank each and every one of you for your generous donations to our annual Arts Exposed auction," said Georgina Parkes, Arts Alive chair. "Without this support, we could not continue to offer our community grants program to support cultural programs in the Minden Hills area."

Parkes said 13 grant applications were received this year, which is more than they've received in the past. The process started in March, with decisions made by the board in May.

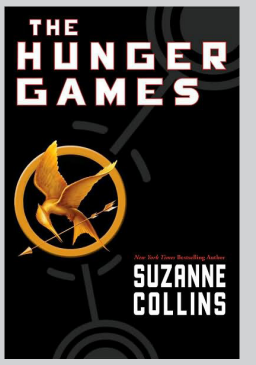
The grants are awarded based on the impact the applicants have on the community, she said.

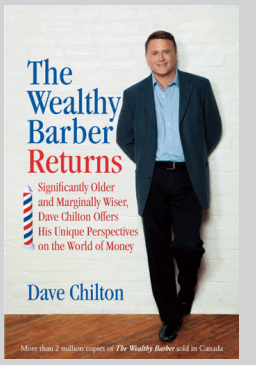
"This is the main initiative," said Parkes. "We want to be able to allow citizens of Minden Hills to enjoy certain cultural events."

The grant money is raised through the group's Arts Exposed dinner and auction.

Since 2004, Arts Alive Minden has provided $60,000 in capital grants to the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and an additional $23,435 in community grants to develop arts in Minden.

Haliburton County's Hot Reads





The following are the top five fiction and non-fiction titles as requested this week at the Haliburton County Public Library.

HCPL's TOP FIVE FICTION
1. Stray Bullets by Robert Rotenberg
2. The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
3. Fifty Shades of Grey by E.L. James
4. Calico Joe by John Grisham
5. Deadlocked by Charlaine Harris

HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION
1. Quiet: The Power of Introverts In A World That Won't Stop Talking by Susan Cain
2. Thinking, Fast and Slow by David Kahneman
3. The Wealthy Barber Returns by David Chilton
4. Drop Dead Healthy by A.J. Jacobs
5. Under An Afghan Sky by Mellissa Fung

Two new non-fiction books have soared to the top of our top five non-fiction list. At #1, Quiet: The Power of Introverts In A World That Won't Stop Talking is a well-researched and intriguing look at introverts and where society would be (or not be) without them. The book illustrates how introverts are undervalued, why this is and how much society loses out by maintaining this mentality. At #2, Thinking, Fast and Slow takes us on a ground-breaking tour of the mind and explains the two systems that drive the way we think. System one is fast, intuitive, and emotional; System two is slower, more deliberative, and more logical. The author exposes the extraordinary capabilities—and also the faults and biases—of fast thinking, and reveals the influence of intuitive impressions on our thoughts and behaviour. You reserve these fascinating non-fiction titles at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Library News

Chair Yoga at the Dysart Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library is back by popular demand. Running from noon to 1 p.m. on June 5, 19, and 26, join Lynda Shadbolt and learn some basic stretches that you can do in a chair to help maintain your flexibility and strength. Everyone can benefit and no experience is necessary. Entrance is by donation to the Friends of the Library.

State of the Arts — The transit of myth

By Victoria Ward

As I write this column, the clouds above and the dismal weather forecast for tomorrow are conspiring to ruin our experience in the Highlands of getting to see the transit of Venus. One is supposed to have special glasses and so forth for the viewing but if the sky is crowded with clouds or fog we won't be seeing anything. I shall feel like one of those freezing members of the crowd on the Thames watching the Queen's diamond flotilla; a sea fret rolling in making invisible both the Royals and the historic skyline of London.

I am a fan of astrological phenomenon, especially when it has a great figure of history attached to it. The legendary Yorkshire explorer Capt. James Cook sailed to Tahiti to watch the transit in 1769. On official business, he was not only supposed to witness the phenomenon for the Empire but also take a poke around to see if a mystery continent was floating somewhere in the south seas. He recorded the Transit of Venus and discovered Australia, returning home a hero. Those English explorers were definitely A-types.

Exploration and natural phenomenon used to go hand in hand. The last great example of this was the moon landing in 1969. I remember it well because my father pulled the TV out onto our cottage beach front so that we could watch the event unfold on the screen and look at the moon hanging in the sky at the same time. The effect was profound. I have spent my life reaching for that moon.

Artists throughout the ages have had a keen interest in phenomena. In ancient worlds, artistic achievements and cosmological occurrences were intertwined. A great story I heard told by a now retired curator friend was when he began his studies back in the sixties, he was sent into a large American museum to study various artifacts, paintings and sculptures. His test would be a walk about through all the galleries whereby the instructor would point to a specimen or exhibit and he would have to explain what he was looking at. One exhibit was a pile of reeds or sticks in a seeming jumble that an ancient Polynesian people used to navigate. They would line the sticks up on the bottom of their boats to resemble the alignment of the stars and planets so that as they journeyed they always knew where they were; it was their map of the world and that world included the sky because they lived on the sea.

I relate this story because I think that this kind of detail from the past illuminates how important our relationship with the natural world is and how art can be used to 'navigate' it. Mythologies rose from many different cultures out of our need to understand scary phenomenon like floods, earthquakes and solar eclipses. When something becomes a story it can be demystifying.

The Earth and its cosmos are moving away from the centre of our attention. It's unfortunate because our understanding of the natural world shouldn't be crossed off the collective 'to-do list'. We don't completely understand things; we haven't become ultimate masters of our destiny. The transit of Venus is a wonderful reminder of this. There is poetry in the act of a planet crossing the sun, and the science takes nothing away from the greater idea that the universe is a mystery.

We may no longer fear the sun going down, or hail or birth defects, but we do still feel fear. Fear today, however, does not seem to manifest itself in mythologies. The stock market is perhaps the best example of collective myth we have. When the crash happened in 2008 billions of dollars disappeared. How is that possible, especially since we were told for decades that our money was creating jobs and wealth? More troubling is that, this is our myth?

Where are the Gods, the birds that peck out eyes, the snakes that tell truisms, the people turning to salt, the divinities? I can't think of anything less poetic than a myth relating the world's fears through the act of a bunch of over educated crooks buying and selling nothing.

Natural phenomenon and marking moments like the transit of Venus are actually more important than ever. How do we stay connected to each other if not through the shared understanding of a few brutal truths: life, death, the Earth and its cosmos? The world's greatest poets and artists understood this. Take a look at Canadian artist Paterson Ewen's *Halley's Comet as Seen by Giotto*, 19th century poet Percy Shelley's monumental ode to the mountain *Mont Blanc*, Gustav Holst's *The Planets* or anything written by Virginia Woolf; all these works reflect the power of what the natural world can inspire.

When confronted with passion for such things like mountains, stars and such, we become bigger than ourselves. The natural world pushes us to extend our sense of being, to exalt our existence and inspire a sense of place. Although I appreciate sixty years of public service by the Queen, her passing through our lives helps us in the immediate; a planet crossing the sun once every two hundred or so years guides us to the eternal.

Highlands technology

Protect your password

The Computer Guy

By David Spaxman

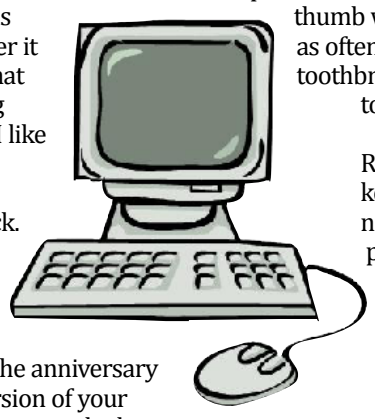
If you're like me you have dozens of passwords for all types of websites. Facebook, Twitter,

Banking, EBay, Amazon, etc… the list goes on and on. The trouble is we don't look after our passwords properly. We use such phrases as "abc123", "12345", and "password"; in fact a recent study showed "12345" and "password" were the most used. This just shows that we don't put too much thought into protecting our accounts.

A survey completed by Bit Defender showed that 75 per cent of people had the same password for their e-mail and social networking sites. Even worse, finding the e-mail or user name attached to people's accounts was simple especially because 87 per cent had posted their e-mail address through blogs, random social network postings or the like. We're not getting any smarter: A survey by Webroot revealed that four out of 10 people have shared their password with someone and 30 per cent of them logged into a site with their own password over public Wi-Fi.

To help you keep your password protected, you should follow these steps.

Start with some random characters (ex. @, #, $, %,^) to make your password more complex. It makes it much harder for hackers to guess what characters have been used. You can also make the passwords longer. Again, the longer it is, the harder it is to guess. A lot of websites suggest that you make it at least six characters long when you first create your password. I like to make it eight or more.



Deliberately misspelling a word can make a password much harder to crack. Don't use names or numbers that have a big significance to you, such as your birth date, pets, old high schools or your anniversary (most of us men won't have to worry about the anniversary one). Don't make your username a version of your password. You'd be surprised how many people do this.

Try not to use the same password for all your accounts, that way if someone finds one of your passwords, they haven't hit the motherlode.

And no matter what, do not share your password.

Remember to change your password regularly. A good rule of thumb would be to change it as often as you change your toothbrush, which is supposed to be every three months.

Password managers like RoboForm are great for keeping track of your passwords. Neither you nor I can track and manage dozens of unique passwords. Rather than taking shortcuts in password quality or using the same one over and over, use a manager to store them all for you. You can download RoboForm from this site http://www.roboform.com

I know sometimes it can be a real pain sticking to these rules but the downside is loss of personal information, money, and credit card info to name a few.

Any comments or questions please feel free to e-mail me at computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.com.

Happy Safe Computing!

Photo by Mark Arike

Summer student Clara Menard shows off the Arts Council's 2012 events calendar while coordinator Donna Gagnon gets down to business.

New digs for Arts Council

By Mark Alike

The Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands has a new location.

The not-for-profit arts organization relocated to 14072 Hwy 118 (off Mountain St.) in Haliburton on June 1 after spending the past two years at Parker Pad & Printing. The group has also hired two summer students, one of whom is shared with the Haliburton Sculpture Forest.

Junior Highlanders

Photos by Mark Arike

Top left: Nicole Cox, left, and Drew Rupnow sing and dance to Katy Perry's *Part of Me*. Top right: Hannah Klose performs *The Climb*. Middle right: Teacher Lori Reddering, right, joins Ainsley Little in *You Raise Me Up*. Bottom: The Grade 8 band concludes the show with three performances.

Music night for Wonderland

By Mark Arike

J.D. Hodgson Elementary School students in the Grade 7 and 8 music band gave it their all at Music Night 2012.

Vocals and a variety of instruments were part of the June 11 event held at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Special guests such as teacher Lorrie Reddering and Elaine Bell joined in on a couple of performances.

Proceeds from the event are being used to send the students on a trip to Canada's Wonderland.

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Senior highlanders

Travel tips

Aging Well

By Penny Brown

Dear Penny,

My husband and I have always wanted to go to Europe and for my birthday this year, our children have offered to pay for our flights. We've spoken with a travel agent and she has lots of good ideas about where to go, but we're more concerned about how to go. Traveling can be exhausting and we want to see as much as we can without too much stress. How should older people make this kind of trip?

Finally Leaving Home

Dear Leaving Home,

I love your question and while I am certainly not a travel expert, I'm glad to know you've spoken to someone who is. A good travel agent can help you plan your trip without adding to the cost or the stress, so do let her help you with your plans.

Over the years, I've been fortunate to travel often and I have several tips for making your trip as stress free as possible.

The hardest thing about sightseeing is moving from one hotel to another as you follow your chosen route. Packing and unpacking is only part of the problem. Dragging your suitcases along with you is another.

If you can plan a trip that minimizes your need to move every couple of days, you'll reduce your stress considerably. On the other hand, if you want to see as much as possible, there are a variety of ways to see a lot without exhausting yourself. I'll give you what I consider to be the pros and cons of each.

All over Europe there are vacation rentals that run from modest apartments to extravagant villas. Rent one and use it as a home base, making day trips from there. The upside is that you unpack only once and many rentals offer considerable savings compared to hotels.

The downside is if you want to see the sights, you'll need to rent a car, plan a route and drive on roads where you are unfamiliar with the language and local driving customs.

If that sounds too stressful, you can look for daily bus tours, but those can be a hassle because you need to be in a major city or town to find them.

If you don't want to drive, you might consider traveling by train. Your travel agent can easily arrange a Eurail pass to take you anywhere you choose.

The upside is that European trains are comfortable and the train stations easy to reach. The downsides are being tied to train schedules and those darned suitcases.

A bus tour is another alternative. There are a number of escorted senior bus tours run by reputable tour groups or organizations such as CARP or Road Scholars. They are focused on the older traveler and offer a choice of tours that travel through Europe and make the trip as easy as possible. They usually pick up your suitcase outside your hotel room door and look after it for you.

On these senior tours, guides, hotels and travel are usually included in the cost. The pro is you pick the tour you want at the price that suits you and let them do all the driving and tour arranging. The con is that some of these escorted tours are expensive and sitting in a bus with the same group of people for days on end can be stressful in its own way. In any case, there are lots of these groups online and I'd suggest looking at them carefully.

There's a good reason why cruises are so popular with older people. I'm convinced they give you the biggest bang for your buck and there are so many to choose from, you're sure to find one that suits you perfectly.

When you consider a cruise, there are several pros to take note of. The first is that you unpack only once. The ship is like a floating hotel that takes you from one highlight to the next while you and your husband relax and enjoy being nicely pampered.

Another bonus is that all your meals and evening entertainment are included in the price—and the cruise lines take care to be sure they are first rate.

The cons? Day tours at the ports of call cost extra and can add considerably to the price. Nevertheless, I find cruising is a wonderful way to get a taste of Europe's highlights without the usual stress of traveling abroad.

It's also important to know that cruises are often discounted. Travel sites such as Vacationstogo.com, Orbitz or Expedia have terrific last minute deals and frequent specials where cruise prices are slashed. It's sometimes amazing to read through the list of sell-offs. Two for the price of one is not uncommon.

My last tip is to pack light. Restrict yourselves to a single suitcase and one carry on bag each for the flight. And whether you have to beg, borrow or steal those suitcases, be sure they have wheels.

Discuss it. Make your choice, and have a wonderful trip. Don't forget to send us a post card.

Readers, if you have any other questions—about your mobility, your comfort, or just about getting through your day more safely and easily, I want to hear them. For real-life answers you can use, write to Penny at penny@haliburtonhighlander.ca.
Penny Brown graduated from the University of Toronto's School of Rehabilitation Medicine as a Physical and Occupational Therapist.

Single mom by choice

By Erin Lynch

As a teenager, Kelly Taylor collected names for her future children.

"I always wanted to be a mom," said the Minden resident as she rocked her infant son, Baylen. "Even as a teenager, I would tell my own mother that if I'm not married by 35 I would do it myself,"

She has done just that.

Three months ago, her son was born as a result of artificial insemination. However Taylor, 33, is not the only "single mother by choice," an increasingly popular term used to describe women like her. Though there is no national surveillance system or collection of statistics at the present time, the Canadian Fertility and Andrology Statistics estimates that approximately 23,000 intro-uterine inseminations procedures are performed each year in Ontario.

While she is still a year shy of the original declaration she made as a teenager, Taylor had her reasons for starting early.

"I became more aware of prenatal risks if I waited until I was 35," she said. "My chances of getting pregnant would go down, the possibility of complications would go up. It could take me longer to conceive. So at 32 I decided to start the process."

"Of my friends I seemed to be the last one without children. I had great family support, a well-paying job with good hours. It felt like the ideal situation."

Taylor purchased sperm through ReproMed (The Toronto Institute for Reproductive Medicine). She searched through a catalogue of sperm donors, defined by ethnicity, hair and eye colour, occupation, education and hobbies.

Taylor said it was important for her to find someone with similar traits to herself.

"This can help with identity issues in the future."

Although sperm donation is anonymous, Taylor had the opportunity to consult with the doctor and look at photographs of potential donors. Unlike the United States, Canadian donors are not legally allowed to be paid for sperm. This law was passed in an attempt to protect the commodification of reproduction. Sperm donations have to be given for altruistic reasons. The process for donors is extensive, including detailed information around health history, drug use and genealogy screening.

Once Taylor chose a donor, she began purchasing vials of sperm. The vials can be delivered right to your door and you have the option to inject it yourself. Taylor said some couples choose the do-it-yourself approach to allow them to feel a part of the process. However at $600 a vile she chose for a doctor to directly inject the sperm into her uterus.

"I wanted the best chance."

Taylor would be inseminated when she began to ovulate. She would lie still for five to 10 minutes and hope for success. Because of an ultrasound, the hopeful mother was aware which side of her body was producing the egg.

"I would lie there and think 'swim to the right, swim to the right.' I had a fertility pendant and a locket that I would bring with me. It just made me feel better."

Taylor became pregnant on her fourth attempt and soon she started to show.

"People in the grocery store or on the street would sometimes make a comment about my husband," she explained. "I would always announce that I'm doing this by myself with a sperm donor."

"Because I was very open about what I was doing, many people started speaking to me of their own experiences. I have two friends in the community that have used sperm donors and I'm aware of four other people that have used donors for a combination of reasons. I have many people come up to me and say they would do the same thing if they hadn't gotten married."

She said her first choice would have been to be married or have a partner when embarking on parenthood, but she didn't want to settle for just anyone.

Taylor explains these procedures like a health-care professional: factual and direct. But within the new mother there is a bedside manner, an emotional side with significant depth and empathy. Taylor said there are a few reasons why women are making the choice to be single moms.

"I think it's a combination of women having more confidence to do things alone and a sense of financial security," she said. "The length of maternity leave has helped women be independent."

Taylor said that today's families are all very different and she doesn't expect her son, Baylen, to have any trouble navigating his role in the community. There are single parents, children raised by grandparents and same-sex couples. She said the effects of divorce or separation on a child can be great as there is a grieving process.

"With my situation there has never been a loss. Honesty will be my best route."

"Every family is so unique," she said. "I chose to have Baylen because I wanted him so badly. I am not ashamed. I don't want him to feel that anything is wrong with his parentage."

"Being a dedicated parent gives a child the best start."

Highlands annoucements

98th Birthday Celebration

Phil Bruneau

formely of Gooderham

Sat. June 23

1 – 4pm

at the home of Jack & Loretta Billings, 8137 Buckhorn Rd. Gooderham

Haliburton County Garlic Growers Association

It's A Snap

SCAPING WORKSHOP

Saturday June 23, 2012 - 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Rain or Shine at the Farm of David & Cheryl Bathe

"Snap in the Patch" - Garlic scape cooking demo

Sample testing – Scapes for purchase

$5 per person or $10 per family

Raffle for Gift Basket

Directions: County Rd 1 to Gelert, left on Sedgewick Rd, over the bridge and turn right on Francis Rd, go right to the end, driveway on right and past the first farmhouse - #1425

For more information contact: Sheila Robb 705-489-4201

34th Annual Home and Cottage Show

The Haliburton Curling Club, sponsor of the Haliburton Home and Cottage Show, would like to thank all of the exhibitors at the show and the volunteers who worked to make the show possible. A special thank you to Brad Park of Haliburton Foodland and most of all to those of you who attended. Without you, the show would not have been such a success.

Thank you, on behalf of the Haliburton Curling Club

Canoe FM is looking for a Summer Events / Promotion Coordinator

As the Summer Events/Promotion Coordinator your responsibilities will include the set up for remote broadcasting, assisting with fundraising events, website updating, on air broadcasting, working with the production technician and the marketing & promoting of Canoe FM

The applicant must be between the ages of 15 and 30 years of age, have been registered as a full time post secondary student within the previous academic year and intends to return to school on a full time basis in the coming year.

This is an 8 week position, with a pay rate of $11.00 per hour

This position does require working Saturdays.

Please email resume by June 17th to: roxanne@canoefm.com

If you would like more information you can call 705-457-1009

Canoe FM is located at 739 Mountain Street in Haliburton, Ontario www.canoefm.com

This is a Canada Summer Jobs position

4th Lindsay Country Jamboree

July 12th - 15th, 2012

Lindsay Fairgrounds

$65 /person (includes rough camping)

Day Passes

Thurs.$15 • Fri.$20 • Sat.$20 • Sun.$15

Children 12 and under FREE (must be accompanied by an adult)

For more information visit www.lindsaycountryjamboree.com or info@lindsaycountryjamboree.com

1-800-954-9998

Liver Health and Hepatitis C

1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 11:30 a.m. –12:30 p. m. Followed By A Peer Support Group 12:30 p.m. -1:00 p.m. Join us for a Lunch and Learn Presentation with informed speakers and the companionship of those at risk and/or who have contracted Hep C

June 15	Harm Reduction
June 29	No Program
July 6	Nutrition
July 20	Vision Boards...Imagine Your Future
Aug 3	Stigma
Aug 17	Barriers
Sept 7	Celebration Pot Luck

Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team

7217 Gelert Road Haliburton *(please check in at the desk to be directed to the Hepatitis C team)*

This drop-in program is FREE!

Attend One or Attend Them All!

Oshawa Community Health Centre

Please call to register: **1 855 808 6242**

Community Care Haliburton County

Invites you to attend our

2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY JUNE 27, 2012

Stanhope Firefighters' Hall,

Algonquin Highlands at 1:00 p.m.

Our Guest Speakers will be:

Hank DeBruin & Tanya McCready-DeBruin

Winterdance Owner/Operators

Kindly R.S.V.P to 705-457-2941 by June 21, 2012

www.communitycarehaliburton.com

MINDEN LIONS CLUB

Super Spaghetti Dinner

5-7 pm Friday

June 15 - $10

Amazing pasta with meat sauce

Garlic bread - Caesar Salad - Beverage - Slab of cake

a community monthly event

Lions Hall - Bobcaygeon Road

Note to community minded persons:

you are invited to become members of The Minden Lions Club

Call 705-286-3233 or Lion Jim at 705-286-0654

(The Haliburton Highlander supports this event)

Minden Hills

TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Council and staff of the Township of Minden Hills are excited to be proceeding with a downtown development plan for the Village of Minden and invite you to come and see what our consultants have developed. Be one of the first to view the draft plan and to provide input on this important study. The public are invited to see the draft plan on **Saturday June 23, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena, Minden Hills.** We look forward to seeing you there.

Gull Lake – Friends of the Gull Lake Plan

Gull Lake & Gull River

Residents & Stakeholders

Have Your Say on what you Value about Gull Lake and what We as a Community should do to Protect those Values in the Future

Gull Lake – Lake Plan Focus Meeting

Saturday, June 23 10 AM to Noon

Minden Community Centre

Highlander classifieds

SERVICES

ODD JOB JACK - YOUR LOCAL HANDYMAN since 2008 for renos, demos and repairs, interior and exterior painting and staining, home and cottage cleaning, cottage maintenance, grounds keeping, dump runs, eavestrough cleaning... you name it! What can we do for you? 705-448-9965 oddjobjack@yahoo.ca (TFN)

TAKE BETTER PICTURES with your DSLR, individual or group workshops most weekends in the Highlands, www.photograph.to, 416-630-5921 (JN 21)

CANOE RESTORATIONS & MAINTENANCE - restore that heirloom. Check out Facebook page - Ben Carnochan Bushman Canoes. Call for estimate 705-754-2548 (TFN)

ROCK SPLITER
Flagstone 1½ - 2"/ oversized
Flagstone 3" & up, granite steps 3' to 8' long assort. width, drilling & blasting -
FREE ESTIMATES
Call Wayne
705-286-2215 or
cell 705-457-7064

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NOTICES

NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE KUP FAMILY

We wish to express our sincerest thanks to all those kind and thoughtful people in our community who sent cards and attended the visitation for my wife Mary in Haliburton, and subsequently attended the visitation and church service in Shelburne. Your kindness and offers of support are much appreciated.

John and Family

SERVICES

ANIMAL PROBLEMS WITH YOUR GARBAGE – Check our Canadian made steel garbage containers, Youtube "TyeDee Bin" and watch polar, grizzly & black bears testing them! ALGONQUIN TEAK 705-457-8020 (A30)

GRASS CUTTING - residential and commercial servicing Haliburton Highlands, reasonable rates, fully insured, call Paul Hicks toll free anytime, 1-855-399-1100 - WE SHOW UP! (JN28)

SIMPLY GOOD HOUSEKEEPING – since 1999 That is simply what I do – clean your house so you don't have to. Serving Minden, Haliburton, Bancroft areas. Year round, seasonal, weekly, biweekly, monthly or as needed. Residential, cottage, commercial. Final clean upon moving. Cottage checks in off season or as needed. References available. 705-448-1178 dogpawlodge@gmail.com (TFN)

K9 KLIPPERS & KENNELS - professional grooming & a home away from home, 2153 Harburn Rd, 705-457-3614 (TFN)

SAW SHARPENING - hand saws, blades, carbides, knives, etc. , quick, even turnaround service,1787 Barry Line, Algonquin Highlands, Garry Cooper, 705-754-3954 (JN30)

EVENTS

CANOE FM RADIOTHON, July 6 & 7, support volunteer community radio by calling 705-457-1009 to make your donation, song request or challenge. Bid on 5 amazing auction packages and win one of our 22 hourly prizes. ♪TURN YOUR RADIO ON ♪ (JL5)

GUN SHOW & SALE
Sunday June 24th
8 am ~ 2 pm
Norland Community Centre
We buy, sell & trade old & new guns
(705)454-8177 or (705)341-5486

FOR RENT

2 BEDROOM APARTMENT, Maple Lake area, recently renovated, clean, well maintained building, heat & hydro included, first & last, references, non-smokers, no pets, $775/month, 416-771-7114 (JN28)

2 COTTAGES
Maple Lake, 3 bedroom with sandy beach AND Halls Lake, 2 bedroom with sandy beach, summer availability and fall permanent rental, 705-489-2050

SMALL 1 BEDROOM APARTMENT between Minden & Haliburton, available Aug 1/12, first & last, references, perfect for single working tenant, $490 including utilities, 705-286-0343 (TFN)

COTTAGE – Maple Lake, 3 bedroom with sandy beach AND Halls Lake, 2 bedroom with sandy beach, summer availability and fall permanent rental, 705-489-2050 (JN28)

5 BEDROOM HOME on Soyers Lake, available immediately, $1175/month plus utilities, first/last required, no smoking, 705-306-0918 (TFN)

YARD SALE

Saturday, June 23, 38 McKay St, Minden, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (JN14)

FOR SALE

18" ELECTRIC LAWNMOWER, 2 yrs old $165, 705-286-2429 (JN 21)

FIREWOOD - 60 face cords of dry hardwood, maple & beech, will deliver, due to poor health it all must go, 705-455-9186 (TFN)

MAHOGANY PRE-HUNG DOORS – 3 (30" x 79"), 4 (30" x 78.5") complete with hardware $30 each PLUS child's safety gate $15 PLUS assortment of garden tools. Can be seen at 1889 Eagle Lake Road (JN21)

FOR SALE

MOTORCYCLE - 2001 Yamaha 1150 cc V Star Classic, full windshield, leather bags, pegs & touring seats, 44,690 km, never dropped, mint condition, $4250, call Terry, 705-286-0832 (JN21)

14' ALUMINUM CANOE $250, metal detector $30, upright vacuum cleaner $30, 6' aluminum ladder $30, new Epsom colour printer $40, Bell satellite dish & receiver $40, chrome diving board $50, 4HP Johnson's motor $250, GE electric lawn mower with cord $30, wooden snow shoes $30, call 705-457-1006 (JN21)

SCREENED TOP SOIL - $16.95/yard, call 705-286-5076 and ask for Gord (JN28)

BOAT - 12 foot Harbour Craft, wide & stable with 10 hp Honda 4 stroke and tank, $1000, or add totally reconditioned (new everything) trailer for $1300, can test in water, 705-457-1307 (JN7)

MOTOR - 1954 Johnson 10 hp motor and tank, runs good, $275, 705-457-1307 (JN7)

TRACTOR - Ford diesel compact tractor, 4x4 with 5 foot meteor snow blower and landscape trailer, $8500, 705-457-1307 (JN7)

TRACTOR - Massey Ferguson 255 diesel tractor with Allied loader, new rear tires, chains, manure forks with bucket, $8000 OBO, 705-741-6097 (JN21)

FOR SALE

TRAILER - GOLDEN FALCON - 29 foot, new awning, new electric jack, heavy duty hitch, two new batteries, one slide out, excellent condition, $9000 OBO, 1-800-954-9998 (JN21)

GENERATOR - portable 50 KW diesel generator on trailer, 6.2 litre Ford engine, 120-240 single phase now, also set up for 208 or 480, $10,000 OBO, 1-800-954-9998 (JN21)

NICELY SEASONED fire wood, call 705-754-3034 (A30)

WANTED

WANTED ANTIQUES
Furniture, glass, china, decoys, military medals, costume jewelry, gold & silver jewelry, sterling silver, silver dollars & 50 cent pieces, pocket watches paintings etc.
ANYTHING OLD
Call 705-887-1672
R Carruth

CONSIGNMENT ITEMS for AUCTION to be held at Haliburton-Stanhope Airport, Saturday, July 21/12, 11 a.m., rain or shine, everything from vehicles to household items and anything in between welcomed, 705-754-1124 (JN21)

OLD WHEEL HORSE lawn tractor for parts, 705-286-2798 (JN21)

HELP WANTED

SATURDAYS during summer & intermittently at other times – duties include raking beach, arranging dock furniture, sweeping deck, cleaning BBQ, watering flowers to prepare Maple Lake cottage for rental guests, $11 per hour – must be in Maple Lake area and provide own transportation (walking or biking would be best) – contact Carolyn, carolyndartnell@gmail.com, 647-401-7321 (JN21)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LINDA READE, MA, RSW opens new business - Life Passages Counseling-June 2012, offering individual/ couples counseling, grief/loss issues, caregiver workshops/ groups, women's group on Native teachings. Linda has 20 years of experience in health/health care, fees covered by insurance, for information/appointments call Linda, 705-854-1635

ALCOHOL PROBLEMS - call Alcoholics Anonymous - we care, 705-324-9900 (TFN)

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Community events

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June 2012

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TheHighlander Community Calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTICES

JULY 2-6 – Catch the VIBE, Haliburton United Church half day summer camp, ages 4-12, 9-noon daily, $5 per week per family, 705-457-1891

JULY 6-7 – 4th ANNUAL CANOE FM RADIOTHON – Turn Your Radio On!

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thursday – 14
Bid Euchre, Minden Community Centre, 1- 4 p.m., Bev, 705-286-3085

Basic Bike Maintenance, Fleming College, Rm 210, max 10 participants, register with AO Boatwerks, 705-457-3737

Friday – 15
Haliburton County Farmers' Market, 1-5 p.m., intersection of Hwy 118 & 35

Bread for Life Diner – sponsored by Highland Lakes Community Church, free monthly dinner, held at the Minden Hills Community Centre, coffee and tea 5 p.m., dinner 5:30 -6:30 pm, donations accepted but not necessary, 705-286-0354

Cribbage, Community Care, Haliburton, 1 p.m., 705- 457-2941

Saturday – 16
Haliburton ATV Association, free introduction to ATV's training session for kids 6-12, Minden Fairgrounds, in conjunction with Kinsmen's Truck Pull, 705-286-2368

Rails End Trash N Treasures Community Yard Sale, Head Lake Park, Haliburton Village, 8 am, 705-457-2330

Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library Giant Book & Book Basket sale, on the library lawn, 8-3 p.m.

Pollinator Workshop, Abbey Gardens, 1067 Freedom Fifty Five Drive, rain date Saturday, June 23, registration required – 705-754-0888 or abbeygardens.ai@gmail.com

Sunday – 17 – FATHER'S DAY
Greasy Spin, guided bike rides, 9 a.m. (long), 10 a.m. (short) then breakfast at Kosy Korner, ride free, breakfast $6-$7, register with Health Unit 705-457-1391

Monday – 18
Haliburton County Historical Society, Maple Lake United Church, Highway 118 & Stanhope Airport Road, 1:30 p.m.

Monday Morning Walking Group, OEYC Minden, 10 a.m., 705-286-1770

Haliburton County Table Tennis Club, 6-9 p.m., St. George's Church, 617 Mountain Street, Haliburton, Mary or Jeff Martin, 705-457-2260

Celebrate Recovery, Lakeside Baptist Church, 7 -10 p.m., admin@lakesidebaptist.ca

Contract Bridge, Community Care, Haliburton, 1 p.m., 705-457-2941

Tuesday – 19
Wii, Community Care, Haliburton, 9:30 a.m., 705-457-2941

Yoga at the library, Howard Roberts Room, 4-5 p.m., admission by donation

Adult Soccer, HHHS field, 6:30 p.m., waiver & rules available at www.haliburtonsoccer.com,

Group bike ride, meet at the York Street parking lot in Haliburton, call 705-457-3737 for more information

Wednesday – 20
Pickleball, Minden Community Centre, 9 -12 noon, equipment supplied, bring clean court/running shoes, contact Doug, 705-489-3850

Weekly bike rides, every Wednesday Sprint to Fall, Boatwerks, everyone welcome

Community Drumming/Rhythm Circle, Rails End Gallery, 7:30-9 p.m., 705-457-2330

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LOCAL LEGION?

HALIBURTON Branch 129 - 705-457-2571
Wednesdays – Bingo 7 p.m.
Last Thursday of month - Ladies Auxiliary 1 p.m.

MINDEN Branch 636 - 705-286-4541, rclbranch636@hotmail.com
Monday to Friday - Lunch Menu 12-2 p.m.
Mondays (2nd & 4th of each month) – Rug Hookers 10 a.m.,
Tuesdays - Bid Euchre 7:30 p.m.
Wednesdays - lunch time meat draw
Thursdays – Euchre, 7:30 p.m.
Friday s - Radio Club 10 a.m.; Fish/Wings & Chips dinner 5-7 p.m.

WILBERFORCE Branch 624 - 705-448-2221, jandreamweaver@aol.com
Friday, June 16 – Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m.
Saturday, June 23 – Harold Floden Memorial Small Mouth Bass Tournament
Mondays - Bid Euchre 7 p.m.
Wednesdays - Darts 7:30 p.m.
Fridays - Pool 1:30 p.m.; Jam Session 7 p.m.
Saturdays - Meat Draw 2 p.m.

Veterans – if you require assistance completing any DVA forms, contact your local Legion Branch (membership not required) – we are here to assist you.

E-mail louise@haliburtonhighlander.ca to have your local event advertised.

Highlands environment

Spotlight on Enviro-Hero Nominees

This is the final instalment of *The Highlander*'s spotlight on some of our community's environmental heroes.

Every year, the Haliburton Highlands Last Trust recognizes the County's Enviro-Heroes at its Wild About Nature dinner and silent auction. Winners in each of six categories – health, stewardship, education, business, the arts, and youth – will be announced at this year's event on Saturday, June 16 at the Haliburton Legion.

Education: Sharon Lawrence

Sharon Lawrence was married to R.D. Lawrence, celebrated nature and environment author. His editor for almost half of his books, Sharon also assisted him with the wildlife they rehabilitated. She continues to give advice and referrals for wildlife rehabilitation.

Sharon donated her husband's literary estate to the Township of Minden Hills and was integral in the development of R.D. Lawrence Place (RDLP), a writers' and environmental centre at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Sharon is a dedicated teacher, historian and environmental activist who knows the importance of lifelong learning. As well as with Ron's readers and friends here and around the world, she keeps in contact with a variety of environmental organizations. Through her tutoring in local schools and work at RDLP, Sharon encourages students' interest in Canada's natural heritage.

Sharon has served on various boards of directors including Siberian Husky Rescue in Kinmount, The Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network, Friends of R.D. Lawrence and New Horizons for Seniors projects. Sharon is a savvy lady, full of drive, valuable experience and a desire to see future generations knowledgeable about and respectful of the natural world.

Education: Karen Phipps – Wilberforce Elementary School Grade 4 & 5 Teacher

Following a presentation by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and a student's chance encounter with an injured turtle, Karen was inspired to build on her students' natural curiosity and interest in the environment by incorporating the study of turtles into the curriculum. And so "Turtle Talk Tuesdays" was born! To develop communication skills, she encouraged the students to recount the times and locations of where they had seen turtles. Students' writing skills were sharpened when the entire class wrote letters to the Kawartha Turtle Trauma Centre. And to encourage and develop creativity, the kids were asked to design their own turtle posters. Karen feels strongly that the class exploration of all things turtle has helped imbue a sense of respect and sense of place for her students – of the animals and habitat in which they live – but also a sense of respect for oneself and others.

Karen has also helped her students become "expert" ambassadors in the community – helping to raise awareness of the value of turtles and the importance of protecting them and their habitats. Karen has inspired her students to organize a Community Turtle Talk for their families, friends and neighbours. Karen has also helped the students raise funds for the Kawartha Turtle Trauma Centre and lobby the local council to erect turtle crossing signs. Karen has instilled a passion for protecting wildlife in her students and has enabled them to make a difference in their world.

The Arts: Dusk Dances Haliburton

Dusk Dances Haliburton is an innovative site-specific festival that brings high quality contemporary, traditional and youth dances to Head Lake Park in the Haliburton Highlands. It is unique in that it makes intentional use of the natural environment as the back drop for performance pieces. As dusk descends, a theatrical host leads the audience to five eclectic dance pieces that unfold in different areas of the park.

Dusk Dances highlights the Haliburton Highland's natural assets by encouraging choreographers to create a dance that is specific to the park's landscape and features. Local choreographers and dancers of all ages are encouraged to participate in the event and have benefitted from the opportunity to work beside and learn from professional dance artists. Dusk Dances is not only an artistic event, but a social and cultural one as well since it provides an opportunity for community members and visitors to gather together in a natural outdoor space while delighting in exceptional performances. It is a wonderful opportunity to introduce new audiences to dance in a natural setting.

The Arts: Jane Selbie

Jane Selbie has explored the medium of fabric for 30 years, first as a quilter and most recently as a textile artist. Jane has the eye of a talented painter, but instead chooses layers of fabric for her palette. The colours and textures of her work are meticulously created by layering a variety of fabric and thread to her compositions. Her work celebrates the beauty of the Highlands in all seasons and is an inspiration to other textile artists and painters.

Her one-of-a-kind creations are beautifully designed and range from bold and colourful to more subtle studies of the natural world. Jane is a participating artist on the Haliburton Studio Tour and Tour de Forest. As an instructor at the Haliburton School of the Arts, she generously shares her unique fabric layering technique and her love of nature with her students.

Youth: Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Envirothon Team

The Envirothon Team has enjoyed considerable success winning or placing well in regional competition and on occasion have advanced to the provincial competition. Ontario Envirothon is an interactive environmental education program in English and French for youth from grades 9 to 12. Ontario Envirothon's goal is "to build environmental awareness and leadership among young people through practical, hands-on educational experiences, enabling them to make informed, responsible decisions that benefit the earth and society."

Members of the Envirothon Team possess knowledge, skills and motivation to contribute to the health and environmental sustainability of ecosystems on a local and global level. Perceived as environmental leaders by their peers, their successes have prompted younger students to join the team in subsequent years.

Stewardship: EH! (Environment Haliburton)

EH! is a not-for-profit organization that advocates for environmental protection and conservation. It has provided leadership in educating the public and monitoring local environmental issues. It has promoted good stewardship practices through environmental fairs, a yearly "Envirobook," presentations to councils and letters to the editor on important issues such as waste management, aggregates and asphalt, and development. Its updated stewardship website gives a comprehensive view of environmental issues.

EH! continues to support and collaborate with other groups that share its aims such as the Ontario Environmental Network, the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow, Gravel Watch, and the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council. EH! has often acted as a kind of "environmental incubator," giving birth to environmentally important initiatives such as the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and a variety of local food projects. All this has been accomplished by a small, dedicated group of volunteers.

Join the Land Trust for its 5th Annual Wild About Nature event at the Haliburton Legion on Saturday, June 16. Entertainment by Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Jazz Ensemble. Hors d'oeuvres & Dinner by Rhubarb. Tickets are $45.00 and can be purchased/reserved by contacting the Land Trust at 705-457-3700 or admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca.

ROYAL LEPAGE LAKES of HALIBURTON

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www.royallepagelakesofhaliburton.ca

Horseshoe Lake - $269,000

- 3 bedroom vintage cottage
- 2 lake chain
- Sand beach, clean shoreline
- West exposure
- Prime level lot

Halls Lake - $469,000

- 4 season cottage on point lot with 250 ft.
- natural rock shoreline
- one of Ontario's cleanest & deepest lakes
- cottage sits close to the water's edge
- waterfront bunkie

Cathy Bain*
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Waterfront Lots

TAMARACK LAKE 206', 0.76 ac, $124,900	WHITE LAKE 240', 1.24 ac, $169,900
12 MILE LAKE 100', 0.82 ac, $199,900	GRACE LAKE 115', 1.31 ac, $224,900
WEST LAKE 251', 0.83 ac, $249,500	DRAG LAKE 425', 1.8 ac, $249,900
BIG HAWK LAKE 174', 1.01 ac, $249,900	SOYERS LAKE 314', 1.9 ac, $349,900

Vacant Lots

IRISH LINE 208', 1 acre, $19,900	HWY 503 150', 0.94 acres, $19,900
PARK ST 66', 0.25 acres, $29,900	GLAMOR LK RD, 250', 5.32 acre, $35,999
HARBURN ROAD, 227', 8.42 acres, $44,900	VIEW OF COCKLE LK 200', 2.4 ac, $49,900
HARMONY ROAD, 42', 2.33 acre, $59,900	CALICO RD, 613', 3.7 ac, $92,500

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Lindsay Elder**
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Bobcaygeon Rd - $115,000

- Over 10 acres –
- backing onto Crown Land
- Fabulous hunt camp or get-away property
- Drilled well and septic
- Interior can be finished to your taste
- Year round road

Stormy Lake - $329,000

- four season enjoyment
- cathedral ceiling – open concept
- gorgeous beach
- three season bunkie (sleeps a lot)
- natural lot – very low maintenance

Larry Hussey*
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Minden Lake - $389,000

- wfr home – minutes to Minden
- 1,200 sq. ft bungalow, large double garage
- full walkout basement
- gentle slope to water
- park like setting, decking & docks

Drag Lake - $459,000

- 3 Bedrooms
- detached 2 car garage
- extensive decking and docking
- natural shoreline
- deep water
- 3.39 acres & 187 frontage

Unlimited Potential - $289,900

- 200+ foot shoreline, all day sun
- 3.15 acre gently terraced lot
- 2 – 10x10 bunkies, 12 x 10 shed
- amazing log cabin 16 x 14
- 2 bedroom, 750 sq ft cottage

Business Opportunity - $129,900

- previous general store
- existing Mini Putt & Chipping area
- 2 bedroom living quarters
- almost 6 acres treed land
- endless possibilities

Chris James*
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ext 25

Hunter Creek Rd - $314,900

- Well maintained Royal Home
- 2+1 bedrooms, drilled well
- 2,100 sq. ft. of living space
- attached 2 car garage/heated coat/boot rm
- rec room, built-in bar & dance floor
- recent upgrades

Salerno Lake $469,000

- open concept living/dining & kitchen
- 5 bedrooms for family & friends
- year round private lot
- exceptionally well maintained cottage/ home

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Pine Lake - $449,000

- 125 feet sand beach, 1.3 acre lot
- 3+2 bdrm renovated year round cottage
- Fully equipped winterized bunkie
- 3 bay detached garage
- Cozy Family Room , walkouts to decks

Vacant- 9.92 acres- $49,900

- Close to Town
- mix of soft and hardwood trees
- many ideal building locations
- year round access
- rough in driveway with culverts installed
- hydro and telephone at road

Diane Knupp*
705-488-3077

Crystal Lake Level Lot - $289,900

- Spacious 3-bedroom, solid construction
- Full unfinished basement with walkout
- Gorgeous level lot with 125' of shoreline
- Situated in quiet bay with low boat traffic
- Sandy wade-in shoreline
- Excellent swimming and boating

South of Kinmount - $279,000

- 3 bedroom PLUS separate rental bldg.
- Renovated throughout, new furnace
- New windows, insulation, electric, plumbing
- Large lower level rec room w/fireplace
- Separate 1,200 sf rental office bldg.
- Situated in park-like setting, 2.5 acres

In Town Home - $134,900

- 1,000 sq ft, 3 bdrm, 1 washroom
- walk to all amenities
- limited maintenance, fenced yard
- 2 deck areas, patio, gardens
- renovated – hardwood, windows, etc

Portage Lake - $399,000

- 481 ft frontage, 1.3 acre
- 3 bedroom, 2 bath
- private, 4 season home/cottage
- 32 x 32 2 storey garage
- ideal home business or studio

Lorri Roberts*
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Haliburton Lake - $249,000

- 157 ft of sand & rock shoreline
- 3 bedroom, open concept
- new dock & woodstove
- completely furnished
- turn key ready to enjoy

Nesbitt Road - $29,900

- 2 acre, level, well treed building lot
- close to Minden & golf courses
- municipal, quiet dead end road
- dug well, hydro at the road
- great spot for your dream home

Dan Roxborough*
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Chris & Michelle Smolarz*
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Gooderham/Pine Lake - $289,000

- 4 season cottage, 2 bdrms, loft
- Finnish sauna
- large windows, great deck
- nicely landscaped, well manicured
- child friendly sand beach
- beautiful sunsets

Gooderham/Pine Lake - $289,900

- rare family cottage opportunity
- 2 adjacent cottages are also for sale
- choose your neighbours, 4 season cttge
- 3 bdrms, completely renovated
- sauna, large deck for entertaining
- sandy shoreline, expansive view of lake

Anthony vanLieshout***
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50 Farmcrest Ave. - $449,900

OPEN HOUSE JUNE 19 9:30-11:30AM

- 3+1 bedroom, 3.5 bath, 3500 sq ft
- 1.33 acre double lot, end of cul de sac
- finished lower level walkout
- docking facilities on 5 lake chain
- amazing features, too many to mention

Industrial Park - $139,000

- 2240 sq ft steel building
- one acre level lot
- 3 phase hydro, year round access
- ideal business opportunity
- lots of room for future expansion

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